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Team Gehlot in the wrong, says Cong.; CM denies role in revolt

Sonia Gandhi asks for written report from Kharge and Maken; party rejects demand of protesting legislators that a one-line resolution authorising the Congress president to nominate new Rajasthan CM should be applicable after October 19

Sandeep Phukan
Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

Fluid situation: Congress leader Ajay Maken after meeting party president Sonia Gandhi on the Rajasthan issue in Delhi on Monday. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

The open rebellion by Rajasthan lawmakers loyal to Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has derailed the plan of the Gandhi family to field Mr. Gehlot as a candidate in the Congress presidential elections and appoint Sachin Pilot as his successor for the Chief Minister's post.

On Monday, Congress president Sonia Gandhi, who is learnt to be annoyed by the developments, asked for a written report after Mallikarjun Kharge and Ajay Maken briefed her on the Sunday rebellion at her residence.

Both were sent as observers to Jaipur to attend a meeting of the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) to decide on Mr. Gehlot's successor. Party general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal, who was in Kerala with the Bharat Jodo Yatra, was summoned to the meeting.

Asserting that the timing and venue of the CLP meeting were decided by Mr. Gehlot, Mr. Maken, briefing presspersons after an hour-long meeting with Ms. Gandhi, said "the parallel meeting convened by the MLAs of the Gehlot camp was an act of indiscipline". Distancing himself from the revolt when over 90 MLAs refused to attend the CLP meet and handed over the resignation to Speaker C.P. Joshi, the Rajasthan Chief Minister is learnt to have told Mr. Kharge that "what happened shouldn't have happened", but reiterated that he had no role in it. Mr. Maken, however, did not meet with the Chief Minister.

While the episode has prompted many of the Gandhi family loyalists to pitch for another contender for the presidential polls, sources said the issue of leadership change in Rajasthan could be put on hold until the process of filing the nomination ends on September 30. Many in the party are angry that Sunday's episode not only embarrassed the party leadership but also gave an opportunity to BJP to target the Bharat Jodo Yatra.

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Italy tilts right as voters line up behind Giorgia Meloni's party

Associated Press
ROME

Etching history: Giorgia Meloni holding a placard reading 'Thank You Italy' after a speech in Rome on Monday. AFP

A party with neo-fascist roots has won the most votes in Italy's national election, setting the stage on Monday for talks to create the country's first far-right-led government since the Second World War with Giorgia Meloni at the helm as Italy's first woman Premier.

Italy's lurch to the far right immediately shifted Europe's geopolitics, placing the eurosceptic far-right Brothers of Italy in position to lead a founding member of the European Union and its third-largest economy.

Right-wing leaders across Europe immediately hailed the 45-year-old Ms. Meloni's victory.

Near-final results on Monday showed the right-wing coalition netting 44% of the parliamentary vote, with Ms. Meloni's Brothers of Italy snatching 26% in its biggest win.

Ms. Meloni's coalition partners divided up the remainder, with the anti-immigrant League party led by Matteo Salvini winning 9% and the Forza Italia of ex-Premier Silvio Berlusconi taking around 8% of the vote.

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The CID arrested five more persons, including two Directors of Department of School Education and Literacy, in connection with the teachers' recruitment scam.

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Rupee drops to a record low of 81.67 against dollar

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

The rupee plunged to another record low against the dollar on Monday owing to further strengthening of the U.S. currency against other major currencies.

A sell-off off in the Indian equity markets by foreign funds also spurred the decline. The rupee's continuing slide will adversely impact importers, students studying abroad and outbound travellers. The Indian currency fell for the fourth consecutive session, closing at 81.67 compared with Friday's 81.09. Analysts said the rupee would likley depreciate beyond the 82 level this week.

The S&P BSE Sensex fell 953.70 points, or 1.64%, to 57,145.22.

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Azad floats party, vows it will be democratic and independent in decisions

Peerzada Ashiq
JAMMU

New innings: Ghulam Nabi Azad unveiling the flag of his newly launched 'Democratic Azad Party' in Jammu on Monday. PTI

Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad on Monday launched a political party, the Democratic Azad Party (DAP), and said "it will not be autocratic but democratic".

"The DAP will be based on the principles of democracy. It will not be influenced by any outside leader or other party. It will have independent thinking and will stay independent in its decisions. It will not be autocratic and power will not be in one hand," Mr. Azad, while addressing a press conference in Jammu, said. He was quick to add that his surname has nothing to do with 'Azad' in the party name. Mr. Azad quit the Congress on August 26 after over four decades following differences with the party high command. However, none of the leaders from the G-23, a rebel group within the Congress, was present at the party launch in Jammu. Earlier, Mr. Azad had suggested launching a national level party rather than a regional party.

In an oblique reference to the allegations by regional parties of Mr. Azad working at the behest of the BJP, Mr. Azad said, "Many people accused me of having a prior alliance. We only have the alliance with heart and minds and people of Jammu and Kashmir and nobody else. We have not consulted anyone before launching the party, neither regional nor national party."

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Centre's push for NavIC system lands smartphone giants on unknown road

Reuters
NEW DELHI

The government says NavIC provides more accurate domestic navigation. REUTERS

The Union government is pushing tech giants to make smartphones compatible with its homegrown navigation system within months, worrying the likes of Samsung, Xiaomi and Apple who fear elevated costs and disruptions as the move requires hardware changes, according to two industry sources and government documents seen by *Reuters*.

In line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's drive for self-reliance, India has over the years expanded the use of its regional navigation satellite system called NavIC (Navigation with Indian Constellation).

Foreign systems

The Union government wants to reduce dependence on foreign systems, including the widely used U.S. Global Positioning System (GPS), and says NavIC provides more accurate domestic navigation and that its use would benefit the economy.

China, the European Union, Japan and Russia have their own global or regional navigation systems to rival GPS. Operational since 2018, NavIC's uptake is minimal; it is mandated in public vehicle location trackers, for example.

But government and industry documents show Mr. Modi's administration and space officials want to broaden its use.

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Freedom of speech affected, says Twitter in petition against govt

60 The percentage of innocuous tweets the Central government asked Twitter to block, according to the petition filed by the microblogging platform against the Central government's orders. Twitter challenged the orders on grounds of violation of freedom of speech and the authorities not issuing notice to the alleged violators. PTI

Afghan minorities flown to India as part of repatriation

55 The number of Afghan Sikhs and Hindus to reach Delhi, after the Ministry of External Affairs of India granted e-visas to Afghan minorities, AAP MP Vikramjit Singh Sahney said. Two newborns were among the latest batch of repatriation facilitated by the Indian and Afghanistan governments. As of now, 43 minorities remain in Afghanistan, with nine e-visa applications pending. PTI

World Bank provides aid to reconstruct flood-hit Pakistan

2 In $ billion, the amount pledged by the World Bank in aid to Pakistan for reconstruction and rehabilitation of the victims of the recent floods. The UN had also launched a $160 million appeal for immediate relief of the victims though it became apparent that it was insufficient after the National Disaster Management Authority said that the floods have caused $40 billion worth of losses. PTI

Heavy rainfall in parts of Punjab, affecting Kharif crops

1.35 In lakh hectares, the farm area in Punjab to be affected by the incessant rains, with one to two per cent of the affected area likely to suffer damage to Kharif crops, especially paddy and cotton, according to the State agriculture department. Untimely rains not only delay the harvesting of crops but will also affect the yield and crop quality. PTI

Counting the ant population harboured by Earth

20 In quadrillion, the number of ants that live on Earth, according to a study published by researchers at both the University of Hong Kong and the University of Würzburg in Germany. The study further shows that the world's ants' mass collectively constitutes about 12 million tonnes of dry carbon, equal to about one-fifth of the total weight of humans. PTI

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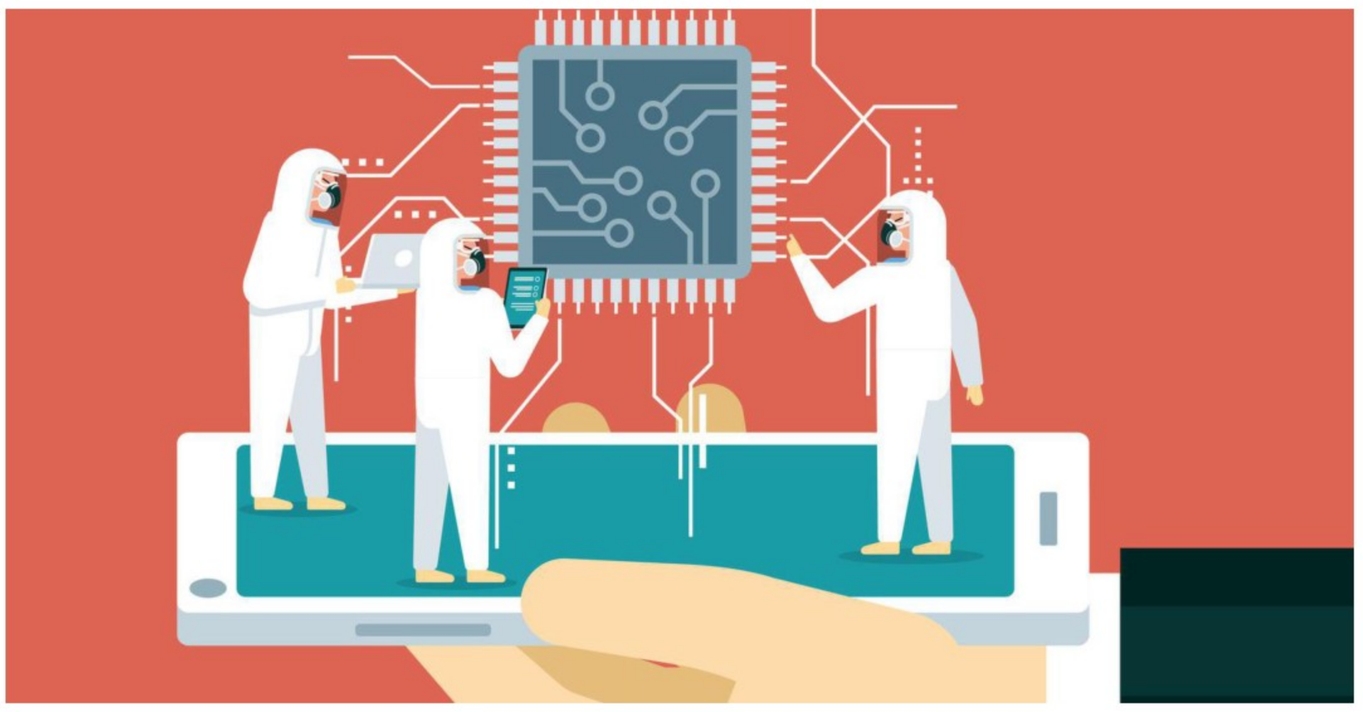
A push for the semiconductor industry

What is India's modified incentive scheme for the chip-making sector? How is it different from the earlier policy? What are the difficulties faced by the industry?

EXPLAINER

Diksha Munjal



The story so far:
In a bid to make India's $10 billion chip-making initiative more attractive to investors, the Centre on September 21, approved changes to the scheme for the development of a semiconductor and display manufacturing ecosystem.

How big is the industry?
Semiconductors are the thumbnail-sized building blocks of almost every modern electronic device from smartphones toconnected devices in the Internet of Things (IoT). They help give computational power to devices. The global semiconductor industry is currently valued at $500-$600 billion.

The basic component of a semiconductor chip is a sliver of silicon, which is etched with billions of microscopic transistors, forming patterns to control the flow of current while following different computational instructions. The chip-making process is complex and highly exact, having multiple other steps in the supply chain such as designing software for chips and patenting them through core Intellectual Property (IP) rights. It also involves making chip-fabrication machines; setting up fabs or factories; and ATMP (assembly, testing, marking and packaging). The chip-making industry is a highly-concentrated one, with the big players being Taiwan, South Korea and the U.S. among others. In fact, according to a *New York Times* estimate, 90% of 5nm (nanometre) chips are mass-produced in Taiwan, by the Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC). Therefore, the global chip shortage, U.S.-China tensions over Taiwan, and the supply chain blockages owing to the Russia-Ukraine conflict have led major economies to enter the chip-making sector with a renewed push. For example, the U.S. announcement of $52.7 billion in government funding for the CHIPS and Science Act and the EU's Chips Act that will mobilise €43 billion for public and private investments.

What are the changes to India's chip-making scheme?
In December 2021, India announced its roughly $10 billion dollar production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme to encourage semiconductor and display manufacturing in the country. It also announced fiscal support for a design-linked initiative (DLI) scheme to drive global and domestic investment related to design software, IP rights etc. According to the Electronics and IT Ministry, semiconductor demand in India would increase to $70-$80 billion by 2026 with the growing demand for digital devices and electronic products.

The new changes announced last Wednesday seek to harmonise government incentives for all technology nodes of semiconductors, according to the Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar. In the previous version of the scheme, the Centre was offering to fund 30% of the project cost for 45nm to 65nm chip production, 40% for 28nm to 45nm, and 50% or half of the funding for chips 28nm or below. The modified scheme provides uniform 50% fiscal support for all nodes. Besides, it will provide 50% of capital expenditure for other steps of the process as well (chip design and ATMP).

So far, Vedanta and Taiwanese chipmaker Foxconn have signed an MoU to set up a ₹1,54,000 crore semiconductor plant in Gujarat. Two other projects have also been announced – a $3 billion plant in Karnataka by the International consortium ISMC and a $3.5 billion plant in Tamil Nadu by Singapore's IGSS Ventures. The modified scheme also emphasised the production of the 45nm chip, which is fairly less time-consuming and economical in terms of production.

What are the challenges?
While the scheme is an encouraging move, chip production is a resource-intensive and expensive process. While the new scheme provides equal funding for all steps of the process, the outlay of the scheme remains $10 billion. Notably, just the setting up of one semiconductor fab requires an investment of anywhere between $3 and $7 billion. Analysts, while positive, are concerned that not much of the current scheme outlay would be left to support other elements including display fabs, packaging and testing facilities, and chip design centres. They also argue that the initial funding should focus on areas like design and R&D, for which India already has an established talent pool.

Chip-making also requires gallons of ultrapure water in a single day, which experts say, could be a task for the government to provide to factories, compounded also by the drought conditions which often prevail in large parts of the country. Another task for the government is to drive up consumer demand in the semiconductor and linked electronics industry to not end up in a situation where these ventures remain successful only till taxpayers are forced to fund required subsidies.

THE GIST

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Why has the state funeral for Shinzo Abe divided Japan?

What has led to the clashes and protests? Why is the ruling Liberal Democratic Party being blamed? What stand has Prime Minister Fumio Kishida adopted?

Sumeda

The story so far:
The state funeral for former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has triggered a public backlash against the government, dealing a major blow to the popularity of Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP). Hundreds of people have hit the streets in Japan to protest the government's decision to host the funeral with taxpayers' money. The situation worsened after details emerged about ties between Mr. Abe, the ruling LDP and a controversial religious group, the Unification Church.

What is the funeral budget?
Days after Mr. Abe was gunned down in Nara on July 8, Mr. Kishida announced his decision to host a state funeral. The last fully state-funded funeral took place in 1967 for Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida. The Cabinet allocated a $1.8 million budget, which was revised to approximately $12 million. The high cost fuelled a public backlash as people opposed the taxpayer-funded funeral at a time when many in the country are facing a financial crisis. Others criticised the ruling party for attempting to glorify a political figure considered divisive due to his revisionist views of history and military expansion. An Opposition leader said the decision had no legal bias and was not based on public consensus. Therefore, attempts were made to challenge the decision on legal grounds.

What is the link to the Unification Church?
The Unification Church, also known as the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, was founded in 1954 by Sun Myung Moon, an anti-communist and self-declared messiah. Since its founding, the church has been embroiled in controversies. Its beliefs are based on the idea that love in marriage and family is what God wants for world peace and harmony. Known for mass weddings, the group, which critics say is a cult, has hundreds of thousands of followers in Japan. It urges its followers in Japan to make large donations to make amends for their ancestral sins, including the country's past colonisation of the Korean Peninsula, as per experts. The ties between the church and Japan's LDP go back to Mr. Abe's grandfather, Nobusuke Kishi who helped found the church's political unit in Tokyo in 1968.

As the religious body expanded over the years, it provided political support and votes for the governing party. Lawyer Hiro Yamaguchi told *Reuters* that the church built ties with politicians to attract followers and gain legitimacy while politicians gained access to church members for help with campaigns. While the church said Mr. Abe was neither a member nor an adviser, the former PM had appeared in events organised by church affiliates, including one in 2021.

Why is public anger growing?
An internal investigation by the LDP found that 179 of 379 lawmakers had ties to the church. The revelation which established links between the LDP with the Unification Church further shifted opinions against the LDP and Mr. Kishida. As per a poll, 62% were against a state funeral. Support for Mr. Kishida also tumbled to its lowest level since he took office, with the approval ratings dropping to 29%. Amid growing public outrage, the PM apologised and pledged to win back trust, saying the LDP will cut ties with the church.

What lies ahead?
Protests are anticipated on Tuesday as Japan gears up for Mr. Abe's state funeral. Maximum-scale security has been put in place for around 700 foreign guests who are flying in for the event, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris and Vietnamese President Nguyen Xuan Phuc.

THE GIST

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Loss and death: A doll lying unattended at the site of the Pettimudi landslip after a year of the tragedy. FILE PHOTO

Landslides in Pettimudi: social inequalities in disasters

How socio-economic positions of a Kerala community determined the extent of disaster vulnerability and the process of risk management undertaken by the state especially during natural calamities

Rebecca Rose Varghese

Irshad, Mohammed S. and Solaman, Christin S.S, 'Identity, Space and Disaster: A Case Study of Pettimudi Landslide in Kerala', *Sage Journals*, Vol 71, Issue no. 3, May 9, 2022

Among theories about the relevance of space as a social product and its relation with an individual's or communities' understanding of social realities, S. Mohammed Irshad and S.S. Christin Solaman's article 'Identity, Space and Disaster: A Case Study of Pettimudi Landslide in Kerala', draws attention to the role of space during natural calamities such as landslides, in terms of the disaster vulnerability of a community and State interventions. The authors through the study of a landslide that hit Pettimudi, a tea plantation estate in the Idukki district of Kerala, discuss the 'geographical and sociological space' in which the incident occurred and how the State's approach towards the incident was influenced by the social position and historical vulnerability of the community living in the landslide-prone region.

The tragedy

On August 6, 2020, a landslide caused by relentless rainfall in Pettimudi, a tea plantation estate in the Idukki district, killed over 65 workers. They lived in a 'layam', a line of 10 residential spaces in a building provided by the company as accommodation. Presently owned by the Kanan Devan Hills Plantations (KDHP), the tea estate was first owned by a British official, John Danial Manro, in 1877.

While in 1843, slavery was abolished in the State, estate owners found a work-around by bringing workers from other regions as bonded labour. Moreover, theorists argue that the Plantation Labour Act, of 1951 failed to provide the workers with social security and socio-economic mobility. Currently, most workers are part of the second and third generations of Tamil migrant workers who were provided with accommodation by the estate owners. Without decent accommodation or land of their own, the workers have continued to live in the accommodation (layam) provided by the estate owners in an ecologically vulnerable landscape. Layams, about 80-90 years old, were built when the plantation was set up and are not maintained well. In the landslide, 22 such layams were washed out, killing 66 people (four people are still missing and are considered dead), all of whom were buried together due to scarcity of land.

The Pettimudi landslide was analysed through a qualitative research approach with the help of secondary data. The authors interviewed labourers, trade union workers, and environmental scientists to understand the complexities behind the incident. The article also considered newspaper and media reports as well as comments of Ministers, officials and community leaders to understand the different narratives surrounding the incident.

The response and rehabilitation facilities provided by the government and the various descriptions of the incident show how the disaster was singled out and provided with only conventional relief measures. The spatial inequality that impacted the disaster vulnerability of the community due to their social position was also ignored.

Manipulating the narrative

Narratives have an immense impact on how one perceives reality. The authors explain how the media and government's portrayal of the Pettimudi landslide conveniently labelled it as a single incident without interrogating the socio-economic complexity behind the situation. This was also reflected in the relief and rehabilitation provided by the State. Through a series of interviews, the article brings out a different narrative. Labour union leaders explain how the placement of the layam in a landslide-prone region with poor maintenance, coupled with the lack of socio-political and economic power of the workers factor into the situation. The company's attempt to control how the news spread by only informing the government about the incident the morning after, once the situation was under control and the delay in the arrival of the government's rescue team is proof of the negligence in the incident. The authors believe that the apathy of the State was evident in its response to the landslide when compared to an air crash that took place in the State the very next day and in the solatium offered to the victims.

The article explains how the 'space' of Pettimudi and the air crash determined the different treatments it received. Finally, through an analysis of the economic loss in the landslide, the authors discuss how the States' accountability towards the victims of Pettimudi was minimal, with the government sharing the responsibility of rehabilitation with the private company which has been using the land to control the lives of its workers.

Space and vulnerability

Social theorists like Edward Soja and Andrzej Zieleniec have theorised about individuals' interactions with space and how space becomes a social product and a place for practising discrimination. Spatial vulnerability results from the intersection of social relations of production, class relations, institutional relations and entitlement relations. Considering the private plantation land as a social space, the authors explain how the land is symbolic of the economic vulnerability of the labourers which has its roots in the history of slave labour, and how this vulnerability forces them to continue living and working in such deplorable conditions. The company, with its ownership of the space, claims power over the workers. The social exclusion of the community pervades public discourses and government policies as they are considered mere beneficiaries of State schemes. These victims rarely have any say in their rehabilitation process and are forced to accept government funds.

The apathy of the state

In such situations, the state often has a very visible textbook response. Instead of looking at the root causes of such calamities, the government does the bare minimum. In disaster-prone areas, the following are the standard procedures followed by a government – alert the residents of the area in case there is a weather forecast and provide a temporary space for shelter, and if a disaster occurs, plan to rehabilitate the community with rarely any consideration of the socio-economic impact of such a shift of space.

In the recently released Malayalam movie, *Malayankunju* the portrayal of the socio-economic status of the residents in the disaster-prone region and the government's response is important to analyse the relationship between space and vulnerability. While separated by caste, the economic positions of the protagonist and his neighbours are similar, grouping them in terms of disaster vulnerability. When the weather becomes threatening, the government's response is to give a public service announcement and provide shelter in a nearby building, a standard state response in case of a predicted disaster. Even at the end, there is no mention of rehabilitation, with the protagonist accepting his disaster-vulnerable position and returning to his daily life.

Vulnerability to a disaster is isolated from the people's socio-economic status at the administrative level for their convenience in the intervention process. In doing so, the root causes of the issue are ignored. The authors claim that such dissociations have led to more disaster vulnerabilities among poor communities as disaster-prone areas in India are a result of unequal development or overexploitation of resources.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

The UN World Tourism Organization has celebrated September 27 as World Tourism Day since 1980. A quiz on the Day and tourism in India.

QUESTION 1
Why was September 27 chosen as World Tourism Day?

QUESTION 2
Which Asian nation is this year's host country and what is the theme for 2022?

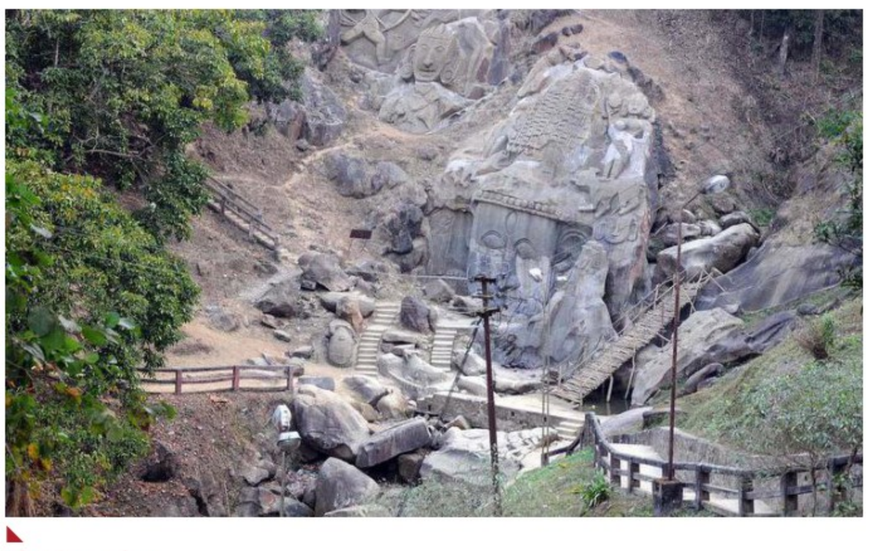
QUESTION 3
If Amitabh Bachchan promotes Gujarat Tourism, composer A.R. Rahman and actor Sanjay Dutt have been brand ambassadors of which northeast States?

QUESTION 4
In which tourist train are you travelling if the coaches were called Kadamba, Ganga, Adil Shahi and Yadukula among other dynasty names?

QUESTION 5
Which Union Territories have/had the taglines 'Give Time a Break' and 'The Land of Natural Beauty'?

QUESTION 6
Which National Park should one visit to catch sight of the recently re-introduced cheetahs in the wild?

QUESTION 7
In which cities are the famous Sidi Saiyyed ni Jali and Bibi Ka Maqbara?



Visual question:
Name the place and the State where one can see these wonderful rock carvings. FILE PHOTO

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The Beatles album that was made up of only Lennon-McCartney compositions. **Ans: 'A Hard Day's Night'**
2. This album won a Grammy for Best Album Cover. **Ans: 'Revolver'**
3. This Beatle is walking barefoot in the Abbey Road album cover. **Ans: Paul McCartney**
4. This album sleeve was designed by Klaus Voormann. **Ans: 'Revolver'**
5. The U.S. sleeve of this album had a fictional biography of 'Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band'. **Ans: 'Yellow Submarine'**
6. This album cover had the Fab Four doing semaphore signals. **Ans: 'Help!'**
Visual question: If John had his way, this Indian would have featured on this cover. **Ans: Mahatma Gandhi**

Early Birds: M. Thaha Ibrahim Buhari| K. N. Viswanathan

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"What's the difference between 'modesty' and 'humility', sir?"

"A modest person doesn't boast of his achievements. He is neither vain nor conceited. A modest man does not talk about what he is or what he does. He doesn't project himself. Despite international fame, he continues to be modest. A humble man thinks highly of others and lowly of himself. In a religious sense, he is one who tries to reduce himself to a zero. He attributes everything to God and doesn't claim any credit to himself. In modesty, there is no pride; in humility, there is no ego.

We pray with a humble heart.

In this sentence, 'modest' would be inappropriate. 'Humility' carries the connotation of 'self-effacement'."

"What's the meaning of 'put down' sir?"

"When I say to you 'put down the book on the table', you are asked to place it on the table. This is the literal meaning.

Put down the cup.

He put down the bundle on the floor.

It has several figurative meanings. I'll mention a few. 'To put down somebody' is to silence or suppress her/him.

The Government has put down the Opposition successfully.

It is not easy to put down drinking and gambling.

He can't be put down easily.

Stern measures were taken to put down the disturbances.

'To put down' also means 'to record, write down'.

Let me put down your telephone number. I may forget it later.

Let's put down what we have discussed.

When someone comes to you to collect some money for some cause and if you are willing to give, say Rs. 20, you may say 'Please put me down for Rs. 20'. It means 'Write my name and against it write Rs. 20'.

You may put me down for two tickets.

You may put me down for two plots.

Shall I put you down for the class on Tuesday?

'To put your foot down' is to assert your authority. When the clerk raised his voice in protest the boss put his foot down. When you put your foot down, you take a firm stand. 'Put down to' means to state that something is caused by something else.

I put down his frustration to his failure in the examination.

I put down the loss to mismanagement.

I put down his unhappiness to domestic disharmony.

I put down his failure to lack of application.

You look bored. I put it down to my awful teaching. I must stop here in your interest. Goodbye."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

Word of the day

Superlative: the highest level or degree attainable; an exaggerated expression

Synonyms:
peak, elevation, pinnacle, summit

Usage: *The class decided to recognise their peers' superlative talents and efforts; The critics lavished superlatives on it*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/superlativeword

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‘Blocking orders’: What is the legal regime in other countries, asks HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Monday asked Twitter to apprise the court, about the legal regime in other countries similar to India’s content regulation through the Information Technology (IT) Act, 2000, and the rules framed under this law, which governs the digital transactions and communications.

Justice Krishna S. Dixit, during a hearing on Twitter’s petition against ‘content blocking’, asked the advocate representing Twitter to try to get information on the legal regime in other countries on this issue to understand the laws prevailing.

Twitter had questioned the legality of a series of ‘blocking orders’. REUTERS

The micro-blogging platform had questioned the legality of a series of ‘blocking orders’, issued by the authorities under the Information Technology (Procedures and Safeguards for Blocking of Access to Information by Public) Rules, 2009, either to block Twitter accounts or to identify contents of specific accounts.

Advocate Arvind Datar, appearing for Twitter, reiterated the claim in the petition that ‘blocking orders’ could not have been passed sans issuing notices to the account holders. He also contended that Twitter could not intimate the ‘block orders’ to the account holders in view of the confidential clause.

In many ‘blocking orders’, Twitter was told to block the entire account even though Section 69A of the IT Act allows only blocking of ‘information’, he argued.

Mr. Data questioned the legality of ‘blocking’ Twitter accounts in relation to certain tweets on farmers’ agitations, when similar content was being published in newspapers or telecast on television.

He also claimed that some of the tweets ordered to be blocked were ‘innocuous’ and there was no justification by the authorities to block such tweets or accounts, even though the authorities should assign reasons in writing.

Ordering blocking of the accounts would affect Twitter’s business, Mr. Datar said, in reply to the court’s query on how it would be affected, if the authorities failed to issue notices to the account holders before blocking the accounts.

Further hearing has been adjourned till October 17.

Namma Metro sees operational profit for first time after COVID-19

In July, over 1.45 crore people used the metro and BMRCL earned revenue of ₹35.62 crore, and in August, the number of people crossed 1.52 crore and the revenue was over ₹36.66 crore

Suchith Kidiyoor
BENGALURU

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL), which suffered severe financial losses after the outbreak of the pandemic, has started making operational profit.

In the last two months, ridership has consistently increased and officials say the average ridership has touched over 5 lakh.

Anjum Parwez, MD, BMRCL, told *The Hindu* that increased patronage has helped to achieve operational profit of ₹2 crore to ₹2.25 crore per month.

“Patronage to the metro on both lines has increased over the two months. This has made us an operational profit. Our fare box revenue ranges between ₹1 crore and ₹1.13 crore per day, whereas the expenses that include electricity, staff pay, maintenance, and others are around ₹1 crore to ₹1.05 crore per day. We are hoping that in the coming days the numbers will increase further,” Mr. Parvez said.

In July, over 1.45 crore people travelled in the metro and the BMRCL earned a revenue of ₹35.62 crore. In August, the number of people crossed 1.52 crore and the revenue generated was over ₹36.66 crore. Namma Metro recorded the highest-ever single-day ridership on August 15, with a whopping 8.25 lakh people using the services.

Going up: In the last two months, ridership has consistently increased and officials say the average ridership has touched over 5 lakh. FILE PHOTO

Factors such as a mega rally by the Congress, the flower show at Lalbagh, and others influenced the steep hike in ridership on August 15. The revenue on that day was over ₹1.37 crore.

“Companies starting a hybrid work culture, Namma Metro expanding operations on Kanakpura Road and Mysuru Road, people finding public transport more convenient than the private mode of transport could be some of the major factors,” said Shankar A.S., Executive Director (Operations and Maintenance), BMRCL.

When asked whether the BMRCL has increased the trips on both lines, the official said: “At present, 140 round trips are being operated on both lines. Among the passengers, 62.33% use smart cards to commute and the rest use tokens or group tickets. The BMRCL has maintained punctuality of 99.98% in running trains,” he said.

As passengers are increasing, regular commuters are demanding that the BMRCL open gates of several metro stations that have remained closed for a long time. They say that they have to walk a long way to reach the platform, sometimes crossing busy roads.

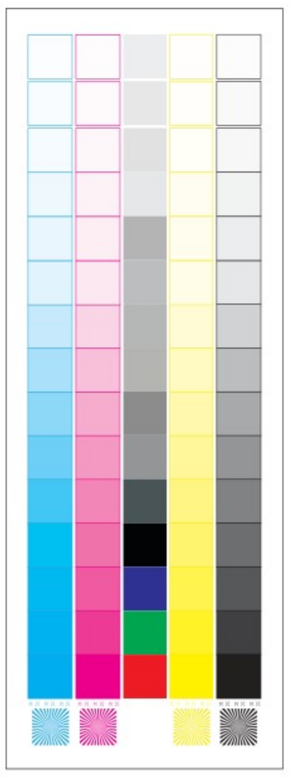
Their other demands include adequate operations of the metro feeder services and introduction of common ticketing for public transport in the city.

National award

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bearys Global Research Triangle, Whitefield, has won the national award for excellence in energy management for 2022 given by CII. This is the third consecutive year it has won the award. It has also won another accolade for the most useful presentation at the award ceremony.

According to a release, Mazhar Beary, Executive Director, received the award from Ashok Kumar, Director, Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Union Ministry of Power, at a ceremony held in New Delhi recently.



‘Give impetus to public road transport’

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In an open letter to the Chief Minister, Greenpeace India demanded that authorities give impetus to the public transport system in Bengaluru.

The letter stated that Greenpeace India had commenced a mass listening exercise across the city “to get a better understanding of what the people of the city have to say.”

The letter further stated: “It is high time that the State and the people’s representatives listen to all its citizens and seek sustainable, just, and long-term solutions with and for all citizens”.

Some of the demands are that the State government focus on its public road transport system and must cease plans to construct proposed triple-decker flyover highways.

“ITeS, BPOs, and other companies and tech parks should be encouraged to adopt flexible work policies. The companies should incentivise those who commute to work by cycles and public transport,” stated the letter.

Smt. Droupadi Murmu
Hon’ble President of India

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INBRIEF

New facilities inside K.C. General Hospital

Units of Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research and the Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health at K.C. General Hospital in Malleswaram will tentatively be inaugurated on October 4 by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, announced local MLA and Higher Education Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan on Monday.

The emergency cardiac care unit will have 50 beds while the children's hospital will include a 50-bed Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

During his visit to the hospital on Monday, Dr. Narayan said: "Residents of North Bengaluru can easily avail cardiac treatment from the Jayadeva unit here. A total of ₹15 crore have been utilised for the unit."

He further said that the money which was remaining in the government granted COVID-19 fund has been used for the cardiac unit.

Text & Context

A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (September 27, Tuesday), the following explainer is available:

- A push for the semiconductor industry
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In Bengaluru, aquatic ecosystem choked as pollutants flow into lakes

Around 35 cases of fish kill were seen in the city in the last five years, with the Jakkur, the Kothanur, the Panatthur, and the Haralur lakes being identified as vulnerable; activists and local residents allege that the entry of sewage into the lakes is the root cause of cases of fish kill

WHAT AILS OUR LAKES

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

A file photo of fish that were found dead at Jakkur lake this August

The impact of the neglect of lakes was on full display during the recent heavy rains, but what goes on inside the lakes is a story that is equally distressing. As pollutants continue to flow into many lakes, it is wreaking havoc on the aquatic ecosystem.

Hundreds of fish have died in the city in the last few years. According to a report, released earlier this year, around 35 cases of fish kill were seen in the city in the last five years, with the Jakkur, the Kothanur, the Panatthur, and the Haralur lakes being identified as vulnerable.

In recent days, incidents of fish kill have been reported from all these lakes, with one being reported from Haralur in the second week of September.

Most activists and residents allege that the entry of sewage into the lakes is the root cause. The absence of appropriate monitoring by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) is cited as the second cause.

"The sewage does not enter the lake when it is not raining. But when it rains, the drains overflow and there are two to three entry points from where the sewage gets mixed into the lake. We have been trying to get the BBMP to take some notice and coordinate with the other civic agencies. They have issued a notice, but not much change is happening," said Nagaraj Udupa, member, Kothanur Lake Development Association.

Instances of fish kill were reported from Kothanur lake in June and July.

During a visit to the lake, *The Hindu* saw that a lot of solid waste, mainly constituting plastic, floating around the lake.

The same was the case at the Yelachenahalli lake too. In the nearby Chunchghatta lake, activists had recorded a video of fish coming up to the water surface for air.

Experts point out how the entry of chemicals and sewage reduces the dissolved oxygen (DO) levels in lakes.

"Pollution and nitrification of water causes the contamination of water. When the DO level reduces below 4%, the fish die. The chemical oxygen demand (COD) and biological oxygen demand (BOD) levels also increase tremendously when chemicals and untreated industrial effluents enter the water, and they also contribute to the reduction of DO levels," said A.N. Yellappa Reddy, chairman, Bangalore Environment Trust.

He also added how apart from fish, domestic animals, which drink the contaminated water from these lakes, also suffer some ailments especially in the peri-urban areas. "Ultimately, the products from these animals, like milk, which is also consumed by the urbanites, leads to health hazards in humans too," Mr. Reddy said.

Along with him, many lake conservators say that it is, however, not too late for the civic bodies to protect the biodiversity in lakes and what is most essential, is strict monitoring.

"The KSPCB brings out a water analysis report every month of all the lakes in the city. Any lake which receives the ranking E is not suitable for wildlife and fisheries. The BBMP should obtain these reports from them and the engineer in each zone should take steps to improve those parameters," said Raghavendra Pachhapur, programme manager, ActionAid Association.

"During dry weather, if sewage enters the lake, its concentration levels will be high which might cause cases of fish kill. We have created diversion channels to avoid the entry of sewage into the lakes. But in the rainy season, even though a few leaks might happen, it gets diluted as the lakes will be full. We have not come across any major cases of fish kill this rainy season," said Shashi Kumar, Chief Engineer, Lakes, BBMP.

Lack of civic responsibility too is a cause. Despite numerous instruction boards, citizens dump solid waste into the lakes. This is why activists believe that until all citizens begin displaying proactive behaviour, full-fledged improvement of lakes cannot be seen.

(Readers may email their comments to letters.bangalore@thehindu.co.in)

Recent incidents of fish kill

Haralur lake	**September 13**
Kothanur lake	**August 23**
Jakkur lake	**August 7**
Panathur lake	**Second week of July** (multiple incidents)

Major reasons for fish kill between 2017 - 2022

Reason	Percentage
Sewage	51
Toxins and chemicals	23
Industries	12
Agriculture	2
STP performance issues	12

Source: 'Fish kill in Lakes of Bengaluru (2017-2022)', released by Action Aid

College offers degrees to those who have failed II PU; BU says no such provision

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A newspaper ad claimed a college will provide opportunity to students who failed II PU

In what could be a new way of misleading students, a print advertisement, which had recently appeared in some newspapers, claimed that a college will provide an opportunity to students who have failed II PU to pursue various undergraduate degree courses under the affiliation of Bangalore University (BU).

The ad carried only a contact number without the name of the college. When *The Hindu* called the number to verify, the people who answered confirmed that those who have failed in II PU could join their degree courses.

"We have an inclusive education programme under which even if the student has not completed Class XII, they can enroll with us for the degree and also complete their back papers with us," said the person who answered the call at the admissions office.

When asked if this is a government approved programme, the person said: "No, only our college has this option and the college is government recognised." The college is located in Banaswadi, said the person.

However, BU authorities confirmed that there is neither a provision to offer such courses nor is the college affiliated with them. Both the ad and the college's website claimed that the courses were offered under BU. "If the name of BU is being misused, we will take action against the college and serve them a notice," said Jayakar, Vice-Chancellor, BU.

Many said such claims can easily mislead students and hamper their future and it is not a one-off case.

"There have been many instances where institutions with big names offer such degrees. Thinking that this might be a good institution, students pay all the fees and get admitted. However, one year later, the university would have disappeared into thin air," said Sithara H.M., district vice president, Bengaluru, All-India Democratic Students' Organisation.

Why no raids on RSS, asks SDPI

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI), the political arm of the Popular Front of India, that has been the target of nationwide raids by the National Investigation Agency recently, launched a counter-attack on the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), the ideological mentor of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Terming the recent NIA raids "premeditated and politically motivated", B.R. Bhaskar Prasad, general secretary, SDPI-Karnataka, called the RSS a "terrorist organisation" and questioned why the NIA hadn't probed its activities.

"There is ample evidence in the public domain that the RSS imparts arms training to its cadre. Their affiliate organisations have distributed tridents to youths in Karnataka. It has recruited women and trained them in using weapons in the Durga Vahini. But the NIA doesn't have the guts to question them. Instead, they raid us in an attempt to contain the rapid growth of SDPI," Mr. Prasad said, claiming that almost 98% of the cases booked against members of the PFI and the SDPI have ended in acquittals.

"The BJP is scared that the SDPI would stiffly resist their agenda of establishing a Hindu rashtra in the garb of patriotism. But what they are trying to impose is essentially Brahminism," said Devanur Puttanaiah, SDPI leader.

Rowdy, wife arrested

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Yelahanka New Town police on Monday arrested a 27-year-old rowdy-sheeter and his wife for allegedly stealing a car and a mobile phone from a cab driver on September 5.

The accused, Manjunath and Vedavathy, according to the police, had booked a cab and took the driver around the city.

They stopped for dinner and offered the driver, Shivashankar, liquor.

When the driver passed out after a couple of drinks, the couple took the car key and his mobile phone, and escaped, added the police.

Official trapped

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Lokayukta police on Monday trapped Kiran G. Hingali, Labour Inspector, Tumakuru, red-handed, while allegedly receiving a bribe of ₹5,000 from a shopkeeper to renew his licence.

'Former IAF trainee cadet's death was likely a suicide'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Preliminary investigation into the recent suspicious death of a 27-year-old former Under Trainee Flying Officer (UTFO), at Air Force Technical College, Jalahalli, indicates it is a case of suicide, police sources said.

Ankit Kumar Jha was found dead on the campus on September 21, a day after he was removed from the college following a court of inquiry over alleged inappropriate behaviour. The police also recovered a note, allegedly left behind by him, indicating suicide.

However, Mr. Ankit Kumar Jha's brother Aman Jha, an Indian Navy officer, alleged murder and tampering of evidence by six high ranking IAF officials, prompting the Gangamma-na Gudi police to register a murder case against the officials.

The accused have been identified as Air Commodore Sameer Khalode, Group Captains G.L. Rao, Badrinath V., Wing Commanders Huddar S.S., Ankith Sharma, and college in-charge and woman officer Tahira Rahman.

A senior police official, overseeing the probe, said they had received the autopsy report, the findings of which *prima facie* indicated suicide. "However, since it is contested and the family is alleging murder, we have sent the viscera samples to the Forensic Science Laboratory, which will medically establish the cause of death and will help us find out if there was any foul play," the officer said.

The IAF, in a statement on Sunday, termed the incident "unfortunate" and said they were cooperating with the police.

The IAF also said: "A court of inquiry by the IAF is under way to establish the circumstances leading to the death of the UTFO".

"His [Ankit Kumar Jha] training was terminated on September 20, 2022, after informing his father of the same. The termination of training was the result of recommendations by a court of inquiry, which was instituted following a complaint by a fellow woman trainee officer against the UTFO on June 30, 2022. It had been established that the UFTO had committed certain acts of misconduct. The inquiry proceedings were duly examined at multiple levels before being approved at Air HQ, as per established procedure on the subject," the statement said.

Timings
BENGALURU

TUESDAY, SEP. 27	
RISE 06:09	SET 18:12
RISE 07:11	SET 19:21
WEDNESDAY, SEP. 28	
RISE 06:09	SET 18:12
RISE 08:03	SET 20:02
THURSDAY, SEP. 29	
RISE 06:09	SET 18:11
RISE 08:58	SET 20:47

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	31	24
Mysuru	30	20
Bengaluru	27	21

Bengaluru Today
28°C A comfortable but humid weather to prevail. Night will be pleasant. Chances of light to moderate rain and thundershower.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
27°C The weather will be comfortable but humid. Night will be pleasant. Few spells of moderate to heavy rain and thundershower to occur.

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I, AKANSHA, resident of Apt-501, Suncity Gloria, Block-1,Wing-B, Sarjapura Main Road, Carmelaram,Near RGA Tech Park, Carmelaram, Karnataka-560035 have changed my Name from Akansha to Akansha Chaudhary vide Affidavit dated. 25-09-2022 before Notary Jain Swarnamala, Bangalore

I, E. NIROSHA, R/o. No. 1-58, Bommaiahpalle, Devalampet, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh - 517167, have changed my name to Entha Nirosha, for all purposes.

PERSONAL
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I, NISHAT Aara W/o Nadeemulla Khan residing at No.453/1, 6th Cross, Vinobha Nagar, Behind K G Halli Police Station, Bengaluru-560045 Karnataka have changed my name to Nishath Aara vide affidavit dated 22-09-2022 before Meer Hassan Notary Bengaluru.

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CID arrests five more persons in teachers' recruitment scam

Accused had issued orders to DDPIs to appoint teachers who were not eligible or qualified, according to police officials

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) on Monday arrested five more persons, including two Directors of the Department of School Education and Literacy, in connection with a teachers' recruitment scam.

The arrested have been identified as Geetha, Director, Samagra Shikshana Abhiyana, Made Gowda, Director, Textbooks, G.R. Basavaraju, K. Rathnaiah, and D.K. Shivakumar, former Joint Directors.

According to officials, the accused, during their tenure, issued orders from their offices to DDPIs to appoint teachers who were not eligible or qualified.

Some of the teachers recruited had not even filed the job application or attended interviews, a senior police officer said.

So far, the CID has arrested over 21 people in the scam. FILE PHOTO

The accused had allegedly committed the offence for monetary gain, which is being probed, a senior CID official said.

So far, the CID has arrested over 21 people, including 12 teachers who had secured jobs illegally and had been serving for many years now, in this scam. There are more people involved and their role will be ascertained after questioning the accused.

The accused have been produced before the magistrate who remanded them into police custody till October 1.

The Vidhana Soudha police registered two cases this August connected to the recruitment of assistant teachers (Grade-2) in 2012-2013 and physical education teachers in 2014-2015.

In a counter-offensive against the Congress that has alleged rampant corruption under the BJP regime, Minister for Primary and Secondary Education B.C. Nagesh recommended a CID probe into the teachers' scam which allegedly took place during Siddaramaiah's regime.

SWD: HC to hear PIL on Lokayukta's 'parallel proceedings'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Monday said that it will hear on September 28 a PIL petition, which complained that the Lokayukta had violated the law in conducting 'parallel proceedings', on the removal of encroachments on storm-water drains (SWDs), on a complaint by a real estate developer.

A Division Bench, comprising acting Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice S. Vishwajith Shetty, passed the order when the petition, filed by the Samaj Parivarthana Samudaya, came up for hearing on Monday.

The Bench adjourned the hearing to enable the advocate to rectify the procedural defects pointed out by the registry.

Earlier, advocate S. Basavaraj, representing the petitioner, told the Bench that the 'parallel proceedings' were contrary to Section 8 of the Karnataka Lokayukta Act, 1984.

Section (8) of the KL Act states: "The Lokayukta or an Upalokayukta shall not conduct any investigation under this Act in the case of a complaint involving a grievance in respect of any action - (a) if such action relates to any matter specified in the second schedule; or (b) if the complainant has or had, any remedy by way of appeal, revision, review or other proceedings before any tribunal, Court officer or other authority and has not availed of the same".

The petitioner pointed out that M/s Bagmane Developers Pvt. Ltd. had complained to the Lokayukta on the BBMP's actions to demolish a compound wall and a concrete box drain, on the Bagmane Tech Park premises at Mahadevapura without issuing notice, and the Lokayukta passed an order on September 12 on this complaint.

Labourer dies after slipping into open drain

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A construction labourer died when he slipped into a storm-water drain while returning home in T. Dasarahalli in Peenya on Sunday night.

The deceased has been identified as Venkatesh. He reportedly fell in the drain while trying to cross the road and died due to injuries. Residents slammed the BBMP for shabby works to remove silt and leaving the drain open.

Fire breaks out in chemicals factory

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As many as 30 employees of a chemicals factory narrowly escaped, when an accidental fire broke out at the factory on Monday morning.

The fire broke out at around 9 a.m. at the factory situated in Bashattyhalli industrial area.

Thick smoke spread in the entire area, leading to panic among the people for some time. The Fire and Emergency Services personnel brought the fire under control after around five hours.

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INBRIEF

President to inaugurate HAL's cryogenic facility

President Droupadi Murmu will inaugurate Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd.'s Integrated Cryogenic Engine Manufacturing Facility (ICMF) in the city on Tuesday. The facility, which is expected to boost self-reliance in the manufacturing of Hi-thrust Rocket engines, will cater to the entire Rocket Engine Manufacturing under one roof for ISRO, as per a statement from the defence PSU.

The 4,500 sq. m facility houses over 70 hi-tech equipment and testing facilities for manufacturing Cryogenic (CE20) and Semi-cryogenic (SE2000) Engines of Indian Space Launch Vehicles, as per the company.

Issue of 108 ambulance service addressed: Minister

Emergency ambulance services, which were hit after the 108 Arogya Kavacha call centre suddenly stopped answering emergency calls following technical glitch, has been now been restored, said Health Minister K. Sudhakar. Services were hit on Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Sudhakar said the system had been put back into action from 3 p.m. on Sunday by connecting to the back-up server. He denied reports that lack of access to ambulances resulted in the death of a person. GVK-EMRI CEO Hanumanth R.G. told *The Hindu* on Monday that work on the permanent resolution of the glitch will take another day to be completed. However, with the backup server, the Emergency Response Centre attended to over 5,000 calls since Sunday evening.

S.M. Krishna responding well to treatment: Minister

Former Chief Minister S.M. Krishna, who has been admitted to Manipal Hospital following acute respiratory tract infection, is responding well to treatment, according to Health Minister K. Sudhakar. The Minister, who called on the 90-year-old Mr. Krishna at the hospital on Monday, told reporters: "A special team of doctors has been formed to attend to him. They have been reporting to me twice a day." He said Mr. Krishna will be shifted to the ward in a day or two. KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar too called on the ailing leader on Monday. Mr. Shivakumar said doctors were of the view that Mr. Krishna needed rest, and appealed to people and leaders to desist from visiting Mr. Krishna.

Custody of youths arrested for links with ISIS extended

The police custody of two youths arrested on charges of having links with the banned ISIS has been extended up to September 30. Syed Yasin and Maaz Muneer Ahmed were arrested by the Shivamogga police on September 19 and booked under UAPA. Superintendent of Police B.M. Laxmi Prasad told *The Hindu* that the police presented the accused before the court on Monday and sought extension of custody. "The court has extended police custody of the accused up to September 30. This will help us for further investigation," he said. The officer said the efforts to arrest Shareek, the prime accused in the case, were still on. The accused were allegedly in touch with ISIS through messaging applications. They downloaded the content shared by the ISIS media cell and they carried out a trial blast on the bank of River Tunga in Shivamogga city, according to the police.

KSRTC to operate special buses for Dasara festival

The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) will operate 2,000 additional buses in view of Dasara festival holidays in addition to the existing schedules to provide transport facilities to the travelling public from September 30 to October 3. Later, special buses will be operated from various intra and inter-State places to Bengaluru from October 7 to 9. According to a release, special buses will be operated to various destinations from Kempegowda bus station towards Dharmasthala, Kukke Subramanya, Sringeri, Horanadu, Shivamogga, Madikeri, Mangaluru, Davangere, Gokarna, Kollur, Hubballi, Dharwad, Belagavi, Vijayapura, Karwar, Ballari, Hosapete, Kalaburagi, Raichur and other places in the State. For details, visit www.ksrtc.karnataka.gov.in

President inaugurates Dasara; lauds State's tech strides and spirituality

Clad in exclusively woven iconic Mysore silk sari, Murmu prays to Goddess Chamundeshwari and inaugurates the Dasara celebrations in Mysuru; in Hubballi, she was offered civic honour

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU/HUBBALLI

President Droupadi Murmu showering flower petals on the idol of Goddess Chamundeshwari atop Chamundi Hills in Mysuru on Monday. M.A. SRIRAM

President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the Dasara festivities by praying to Goddess Chamundeshwari atop Chamundi Hills in Mysuru on Monday, clad in the iconic Mysore silk sari that was exclusively woven for her in one of the country's oldest silk factories founded during the regime of Wadiyars. She was also presented with the traditional Mysore peta

Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Murmu said Dasara festivities in Mysuru are a celebration of Indian culture and tradition. She acknowledged the presence of the country's key spiritual centres in Karnataka, citing ancient sites of Jainism and Buddhism, the Sringeri mutt established by Adi Shankaracharya, Sufi cultural practices in Kalaburagi, and Anubhava Mantapa of 12th century social reformer Basavanna.

She pointed out that Karnataka is also, at the same time, leading the country in the field of Information Technology by bagging 53% of the total Foreign Direct Investment received by India in hardware and software during the financial year 2021-22 and added that the State also tops the country in the innovation index of Niti Aayog's Sustainable Development Goals India Index 2020-21.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said the Dasara festival, which is celebrated as a 'Nada Habba', or festival of the State, is an occasion for the people to purify their thoughts. Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot said he was attending the Dasara inaugural programme for the first time.

Minister for Co-operation S.T. Somashekar, who is also the Minister in charge of Mysuru district, said it was a matter of pride that Ms. Murmu had inaugurated the event wearing a sari woven in the factory that was established in 1912 by the Mysore Maharajas. "Mysore silk is a famous brand of Karnataka known nationally and internationally," said Mr. Somashekar.

At Hubballi

Later in the day, the President was offered *Poura Sanmana* (civic honour) at Hubballi by the Hubballi-Dharwad Municipal Corporation and inaugurated the new campus of Indian Institute of Information Technology in Dharwad.

Speaking at Dharwad, she said NEP 2020 lays emphasis on the need for building knowledge society and that premier educational institutions have a crucial role to play in preparing youth in niche areas such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Data Analytics, and other such fields.

She said that if by using Artificial Intelligence, integration of bio-technology, nano-technology, and neurosciences can be achieved, then new types of innovations can be brought about in the fields of health, environment and fields that are directly related to common people.

Traditions of bygone era come alive in Mysuru palace

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Caparisoned elephants carrying the royal insignia on their way to the temple at the Mysuru palace on Monday. M.A. SRIRAM

In continuation of a hoary tradition inherited from the rulers of the Vijayanagar, the Dasara celebrations of the Wadiyars began at the Mysuru palace on Monday.

The scion of the erstwhile royal family Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar led the celebrations with a series of religious rites and rituals supervised by priests well-versed with the palace traditions.

Religious rituals constituted the kernel of the Navaratri celebrations of the rulers of the Vijayanagar empire and the Wadiyars to which other elements like holding court or durbar, ascending the throne, added glitz. The ceremonials unfolded at the palace in a throwback to a bygone era and included the procession of the royal elephant and horses.

"Mysuru Dasara - The State Festival" published by the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage describes the rituals and the elaborate preparations that preceded it including the assembly of the golden throne.

The publication describes the rituals that used to be performed by the kings in the 19th century. Citing from various sources the authors of the book R. Gopal and La.Na. Swamy say that the day used to commence with prayers offered to Goddess Chamundeshwari in the palace after which the king used to visit various temples and present gifts to the representatives of the pontiffs of Sringeri Mutt and Parakala Mutt apart from Chamundeshwari temple.

There is also a description of the maharaja worshipping the throne and circumambulating (pradakshina) it thrice and offering flowers before ascending it. At this time the paraphernalia associated with the maharaja would cheer loudly and hail the king while the palace musicians would play the song 'Kayo Sri Gowri' reckoned to be the anthem of the Wadiyars.

The "pattada aane" or the royal elephant, pattada kudure or the royal horse accompanied by courtiers attired in traditional dress would go in a procession from the palace to the Kodi Someshwara temple, according to the publication. Navaratri as celebrated by the Wadiyars offers a glimpse of the cultural practices that originated during the period of the Vijayanagar rulers.

HC grants 12 more weeks to govt. to complete exercise of delimitation of ZPs, TPs

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka granted 12 more week to the State government to complete the exercise of delimitation in taluk and zilla Panchayats, to complete process of providing reservation to SCs, STs, OBCs, and other categories.

A Division Bench comprising acting Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice S. Vishwajith Shetty passed the interim order on an application filed by the State government seeking more time to complete the exercise as the Delimitation Commission has sought three months to complete the process of delimitation.

The Bench passed the order while hearing a PIL petition filed by the State Election Commission (SEC), which had questioned the legality of enacting the Karnataka Gram Swaraj and Panchayat Raj (Amendment) Act, 2021, which came into force from September 18, 2021, when SEC was in the last leg of preparations before announcing elections to all TPs and ZPs.

The court, in its May 24, 2022, interim order passed in this PIL, had given 12 weeks to the government to complete the process of delimitation and fixation of reservation for various categories.

he SEC had said that it was not aggrieved by the amended law, which took away SEC's power for carrying out delimitation and fixing reservation but was concerned about nullifying the exercises of delimitation and reservation already completed by it for timely holding of elections to these local bodies.

JD(S) to launch 'Pancharatna yatra' on November 1

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

It will focus on the programmes that the party will implement if it comes to power independently

Ahead of the elections to Legislative Assembly scheduled next year, the Janata Dal (Secular) will launch its State-wide ambitious 'Pancharatna yatra' on November 1.

"We have to take our party's programme to the people. While national parties are making noise, we will conduct our yatra without any hurry," former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy told pressperson here after chairing a meeting of office-bearers on Monday. He said that though the yatra had to start in August, it had been put off due to heavy rain.

Mr. Kumaraswamy said the yatra focuses on the programmes that the party will implement if it comes to power independently. "We will tell the people what is the far-sightedness of the party in irrigation projects."

Meanwhile, the party, which had earlier launched Janata Mitra programme in Bengaluru, will have its valedictory programme on October 8. Janata Mitra had been launched ahead of the anticipated elections to BBMP council.

Applications invited

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BENGALURU

The Archives at National Centre for Biological Sciences has invited applications for the Obaid Siddiqui Chair in the History and Culture of Sciences for 2023-24. People working in wide-ranging fields such as history, philosophy, sociology, anthropology, law, literature, journalism, art, and sciences can apply. Visit Obaid Siddiqi Chair | Archives at NCBS.

Injured police officer airlifted to Bengaluru

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

Circle inspector of police Sreemanth Illal being shifted from United Hospital in Kalaburagi to Bengaluru on Monday. ARUN KULKARNI

Circle inspector of police Sreemanth Illal, who was assaulted by a gang of over 40 ganja-growers and smugglers near Turori and Honnali villages on the Karnataka-Maharashtra border in Bidar district late on Friday, was airlifted from United Hospital in Kalaburagi to Manipal Hospital in Bengaluru on Monday.

The D-level ICU ambulance that carried Mr. Illal, who was in an unconscious state, started at 9 a.m. from United Hospital and moved through SB Petrol Pump, Annapurna Cross, District Hospital Cross, Kharge Petrol Pump Cross and Saradagi Cross in a zero traffic to reach the Kalaburagi Airport within a few minutes. He was then airlifted by a special aircraft to Bengaluru. The Police Department had deployed over 50 police personnel, including two Circle Inspectors, to maintain zero traffic from United Hospital to the Kalaburagi airport.

Vikaram Siddareddy, general surgeon and chairman of United Hospital, monitored the smooth shift of the patient from the hospital. Lok Sabha member from Kalaburagi Umesh Jadhav, MLA Basavaraj Mattimadu, and Superintendent of Police Isha Pant were present at airport when the flight took off for Bengaluru.

"Ours is a super-speciality centre for accident trauma and critical care equipped with ultra-modern equipment and the latest technologies. It is because of our expertise in critical care coupled with advanced medical technologies that Mr. Illal's life was saved. All the initial treatments went off well and the patient was stabilised. He was actively responding to the treatment. To respect the decision of the family, we had to allow shifting of the patient. I am confident that Mr. Illal, who has high willpower, will recover fast," Mr. Siddareddy told *The Hindu*.

Mr. Illal was assaulted by the gang when he had, as part of the investigation of a case registered in Kamalapur police station, led a team of police officers to the place where ganja was illegally cultivated.

Home Minister Araga Jnanendra had directed Ms. Pant to airlift the officer to Bengaluru or Hyderabad for better treatment if required. Sudarshan Lakhe, intensivist at United Hospital, had, however, advised against immediately shifting as the patient was not yet stabilised.

Manish Kharbikar, IGP (North Eastern Range), and Ms. Pant discussed with the family members and put the shifting on hold for two days.

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Sreenath Bhasi

Film actor arrested for verbal abuse, released

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KOCHI

Malayalam cinema actor Sreenath Bhasi was arrested on Monday in Kochi on charge of abusing a woman anchor of a YouTube channel and the camera crew, during an interview held in connection with the promotion of his new movie.

The Maradu police arrested him as he arrived at the station along with his lawyer.

A case had been registered on Friday based on a complaint by the anchor that Bhasi showered a volley of abuse at her and the camera crew, after he told them to switch off the cameras during the interview.

The CCTV visuals at the hotel where the interview was held and other evidence are being verified, police sources said.

Another clip of the actor abusing a radio jockey during an interview had recently become viral. He was released on bail from the police station.

Do not give space to communal forces, Stalin tells party workers

The forces try to take advantage of the situation to develop a base for themselves in Tamil Nadu which is why they distort and selectively use the speeches to create confusion among the people, he says

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Monday called upon his party workers to remain careful and not to give any space for the "poisonous communal forces" that seek to get a toehold in Tamil Nadu by distorting and selectively quoting the speeches made by DMK office-bearers, Ministers, MLAs and MPs.

"Thanthai Periyar would say that one can fight with 1,000 honourable people, but not with one dishonourable person. We are under compulsion

M.K. Stalin

to fight with some parties that lack political ethics, integrity and honour," he said in a statement. This follows the circulation of speeches of DMK Ministers and senior leaders on social media to create an impression that the government was against Dalits and Hinduism. "The forces try to take advantage of the situation to develop a base for themselves in Tamil Nadu. That is why they distort and selectively use the speeches to create confusion among the people," he said. Mr. Stalin said while the media praised the DMK government for turning the attention of the nation to its achievements, some evil forces had been trying to bring a bad name to it. "We should continue our journey without giving any space directly or indirectly to these poisonous forces. People have elected the DMK to power after a gap of 10 years. We are duty bound to work tirelessly to fulfil their expectations. We are working hard to ensure that the schemes of the government reach the last village in the State," he said. Mr. Stalin said the DMK's Dravidian Model of governance was travelling on the path created by party founder Anna and late Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi and was striving to secure the rights of the oppressed and create an inclusive society. Describing the forces as "empty ladles", he said the DMK was carrying a ladle to serve food to the people. "That is why they are active. An animal emerging from the mud is eager for a confrontation. We have to stay away from it and continue our work in a responsible manner. Let us take the schemes of our government to the people, and they will take care of these forces," he added.

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Runners tread on cloth resembling Pak. flag

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

The police rushed to Maratha Colony in Belagavi after reports came that some people participating in the Durga Mata Doud tread on a cloth resembling the flag of Pakistan on Monday.

Some men spread the flag on the stretch that the runners were to pass through on Mahadwar Road in Maratha Colony. Some floral patterns and rangolis were also put on the sides. When the runners reached the area, some women of the local households applied tilak on their forehead and performed arati. The runners raised slogans Jai Shivaji Amba Bhavani and Durga Mata Ki Jai during the run. Most runners tread on the flag. Some stopped for a moment when the cloth got caught under their feet. Some onlookers took pictures and videos of the incident and began sharing them on social media.

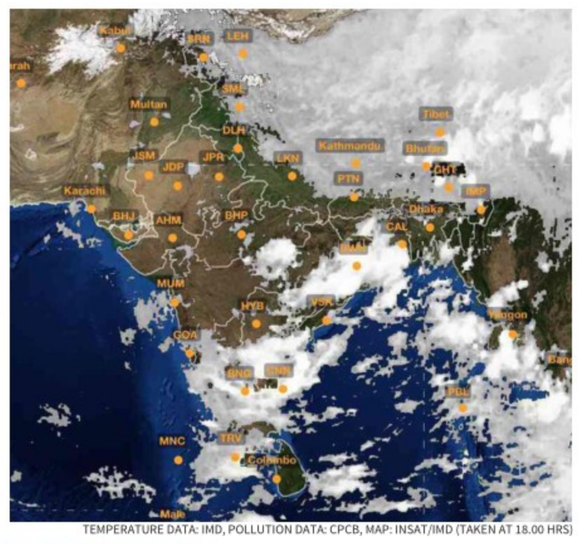
When the police learned about the incident, a team led by Deputy Commissioner of Police Ravindra Gadadi rushed to Maratha Colony. By then, the runners had left the spot. The police removed the cloth and cleared the area.

The run is a nine-day event that coincides with the Navaratri festival. It is organised by Shiva Pratishtan, Durga Vahini and Sambhaji Yuva Sena, among others.

People taking part in the Durga Mata Doud as part of Navaratri celebrations in Belagavi on Monday. P.K. BADIGER

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Sikkim, sub-Himalayan West Bengal, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram, Tripura, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Telangana, Rayalaseema, central Maharashtra and Marathwada

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	35.6	25.7	Kozhikode	—	32.0	23.7
Ahmedabad	—	32.6	25.2	Kurnool	—	32.6	24.5
Aizawl	—	26.8	—	Lucknow	22	31.3	24.5
Allahabad	—	34.8	26.4	Madurai	—	35.5	25.0
Bengaluru	—	27.1	21.0	Mangaluru	—	30.4	23.4
Bhopal	—	31.1	21.8	Mumbai	—	29.7	24.6
Bhubaneswar	0.2	32.7	24.4	Mysuru	24	30.0	18.2
Chandigarh	33.2	33.1	22.2	New Delhi	—	33.4	22.7
Chennai	—	35.3	28.5	Patna	—	32.7	26.0
Coimbatore	—	31.4	23.4	Port Blair	4	31.2	24.7
Dehradun	18	30.5	19.7	Puducherry	5	34.4	24.2
Gangtok	4	18.8	17.2	Pune	—	27.0	20.8
Goa	—	31.3	23.6	Raipur	—	32.8	24.8
Guwahati	—	35.0	25.4	Ranchi	15	30.7	22.0
Hubballi	—	27.0	19.0	Shillong	21	22.8	17.4
Hyderabad	—	32.2	22.4	Shimla	16.2	22.9	13.9
Imphal	—	31.5	19.6	Srinagar	—	26.5	14.6
Jaipur	—	32.3	24.8	Thiruvananthapuram	—	33.0	25.5
Kochi	—	30.0	26.0	Tiruchi	102	30.7	23.0
Kohima	5.4	25.2	16.4	Vijayawada	—	32.4	26.2
Kolkata	—	35.0	27.0	Visakhapatnam	1	34.2	26.8

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.28	.55	.48	41	76	
Bengaluru	.7	.28	.68	52	126	
Chennai	.3	.31	100	84	77	
Delhi	.22	.68	.66	110	158	
Hyderabad	.8	4	166	—	70	
Kolkata	.6	.37	.15	37	48	
Lucknow	.12	.43	.92	44	52	
Mumbai	—	115	.44	24	22	
Pune	—	.30	.79	—	—	—
Visakhapatnam	.16	.44	.16	56	108	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Aurangabad, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 194 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Kochi, Kerala recorded a healthy AQI score of 18

Air Quality Code: Poor, Moderate, Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Free darshan for nine days at Tirumala from today

The Hindu Bureau
TIRUMALA

For the first time in the past several decades, the TTD has resolved to implement only *dharma* darshan (free darshan) on all the nine days during the annual Brahmotsavams of Lord Venkateswara at Tirumala. All kinds of paid darshan tickets have been cancelled during this period.

Various privileged darshan formats like those extended to senior and special citizens and parents with infants have also been cancelled, said the TTD Executive Officer.

योजना तथा वास्तुकला विद्यालय, विजयवाडा
School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada
An Institute of National Importance, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India
Sy.No.4/4, ITI Road, Vijayawada – 520 008, AP., India.

Ref.No.SPAV/10/Estt./IA/Advt./2022 — 26th September, 2022
Advertisement No: 01/2022 Engagement of Internal Auditor
Applications are invited for engaging Internal Auditor purely on contract basis in School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada. For further details please visit our **website: www.spav.ac.in** **Sd/- Registrar**

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No. SEE/Tr(M)/BRAZ/AEE(C)/JE-(C)-1&2/2022-23/3565-74 Date: 26.09.2022
TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)
KPTCL invites tenders for 06 numbers of Civil Engineering Works (Capital works and Repair & Maintenance) coming under the jurisdiction of Superintending Engineer (Elec.), Trans (Maint), BRAZ, KPTCL, UAS Campus, Hebbal, Bengaluru. The tenders will be received through E-Procurement mode only.
The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink "eProcurement-KPTCL" or directly logging on to website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 01.10.2022**. Further details can be obtained from the Office of the undersigned.
Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elec.)
Transmission (Maintenance), BRAZ, KPTCL, UAS Campus, Hebbal, Bengaluru - 560 024. Ph: 080-23513952

Government of Karnataka
KARNATAKA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, HUBLI-580 022. Ph:0836-2373348
ಸಂ.ಕಿಮ್ಸ್/ಹೂವಿ(6)/166/2021-22 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 26-09-2022
ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
(ಮಾನವ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಸೇವೆಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ-02 ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ-05)
ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-01 KIMS/HK-PKG-02/2022-23
ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-02 KIMS/SKILLED-PKG-05/2022-23
2022-23 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ಕಿಮ್ಸ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಅಗತ್ಯವಿರುವ **ಹೌಸ್‌ಕೀಪಿಂಗ್ ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ-02 ಮತ್ತು (SKILLED) ಕಂಪ್ಯೂಟರ್ ಆಪರೇಟರ್ಸ್, ಕಂಸ್ಯೂರ್‌ಕೀಪರ್, ಕಂ ಕ್ಲರ್ಕ್ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿವಿಧ ತಂತ್ರಜ್ಞರು ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ-05** ರ ಅನುಭವಿ ಕೆಲಸಗಾರರ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಈ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. **ರೂ. 10.00 ಲಕ್ಷ** ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಈ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದ್ವಿ-ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಶುಲ್ಕ, ಮತ್ತು ಇತ್ಯಾದಿ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು **https://www.e-proc.karnataka.gov.in** ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.
ಸಹಿ/- (ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು)
ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ವಿಜಯನಗರ
ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ,ಹೊಸಪೇಟೆ-583201
Telephone: 08394-295655 Email: vijayanagaradc@gmail.com
ಸಂ:ಕ/ಗಣಿ/ಕೆ.ಎಂ.ಇ.ಆರ್.ಪಿ/2022-23/ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 20.09.2022
ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ
ವಿಷಯ: ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗಣಿ ಪುರಸ್ಚೇತನ ನಿಗಮ ರಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ DEPMIZ_DLC, ವಿಜಯನಗರ ವತಿಯಿಂದ ಹಮ್ಮಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುತ್ತಿರುವ ಯೋಜನೆಗಳ ಯಶಸ್ವಿ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ತಾತ್ಕಾಲಿಕವಾಗಿ ಮತ್ತು ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ/ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿಗಳನ್ನು ನೇಮಕ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಕುರಿತು.
ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗಣಿ ಪುರಸ್ಚೇತನ ನಿಗಮ ರಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ DEPMIZ_DLC, ವಿಜಯನಗರ ವತಿಯಿಂದ ಹಮ್ಮಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುತ್ತಿರುವ ಯೋಜನೆ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆಗಾಗಿ ತಾತ್ಕಾಲಿಕವಾಗಿ ಮತ್ತು ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ/ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿಗಳನ್ನು ನೇಮಕ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಸೂಕ್ತ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು https://vijayanagara.nic.in/ ಮೂಲಕ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.
1.ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 26.09.2022. 2.ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 11.10.2022. 3.ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಿ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯಿರುವವರ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು http://vijayanagara.nic.in ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.
ಸಹಿ/- ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು,
DEPMIZ_DLC, ವಿಜಯನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ. ಹೊಸಪೇಟೆ.
ಡಿಐಪಿಆರ್/ಹೊಸಪೇಟೆ/152/ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022-23

PUBLIC NOTICE
My client Mr.Venkataswamy M, S/o.Muniswamappa, Aged about 58 years, Residing at Kachamaranahalli, Gunjur, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore – 560 087 has intended to purchase the schedule property from Sri.Anil Kumar.P, S/o. P.Narasimha Rao, Aged about 34 years and Sri.P.Narasimha Rao, S/o.Late Pyariah, Aged about 59 years, both Residing at No.32, 8th Cross, Guru Reddy Layout, Akashnagar, Bangalore – 560 016. If any person/s having any claim, right, title and interest of whatsoever nature over the schedule property, may forward their objections/claims to the undersigned in writing (via e-mail or through post), with supporting documents of your such claims within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claim, right, title and interest of anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All the piece and parcel of the property bearing new Sy.No.193/4 (old Sy.No.193/2) measuring an extent of 1 acre 4 ½ guntas, the property bearing new Sy.No.193/5 (old Sy.No.193/3) measuring to an extent of 35 ½ guntas and Sy. No. 207/2 (Old Sy. No. 54 and 207), measuring to an extent of 1 Acre, together totally measuring to an extent of 3 acres, situated at Ganagakur Village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on :
East by: Rajappa's Property
West by: 20 Feet Road;
North by : Remaining portion of the same survey no. and shankar's Property;
South by : 20 feet Road.
K. Chethan Kumar, Advocate
No.39/3, Goverdhan Garden, Yelachenahalli, K.P. Main Road, Bangalore - 62. Mob: 99029 25762
Email: chethankumar.krmc@gmail.com

DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND SPORTS
State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru - 560 001
Ph: 080-22215601, 22211246, Fax: 080-22215602
No: GETHNAA/42/2021-22 Date: 26-09-2022
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)
The Deputy Director (Admn), invites tender from the eligible contractors for the following work.

Sl.No.	Particulars	Tender Amount	EMD Amount
1	Construction of Kitchen Block with Storage Space and Providing Mangalore Tile Roof at First Floor, Yatri Nivas at Sangameshwara Temple, Ambigarahalli, K.R. Pete Taluk, Mandya District.	**Rs. 50.29 Lakhs**	**Rs. 1,00,577/-**

The tender shall be submitted through e-Procurement Portal: **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Vendors need to register in the e-Procurement Portal to submit their bids online. The tender document can be viewed free of cost from the e-Procurement Portal.
1) Last Date and Time for Submission of Tender Documents through E-Procurement Portal: **03-10-2022, Time: 16.30 Hrs.**
2) Opening of Technical Bid: **06-10-2022, Time: 11.30 Hrs.**
3) Opening of Financial Bid: **will be intimated.**
Further information may be obtained at the above mentioned Address.
Sd/- Deputy Director (Admin) and Tender Inviting Authority
Dept. of Youth Empowerment and Sports
DIPR/CP/2384/Adverto/2022-23

Odisha Tourism
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ପର୍ଯ୍ୟଟନ ଭବନ, ଲୁଇସ ରୋଡ୍, ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱର-୭୫୧୦୧୪
No. 7587 /TSM, Bhubaneswar, Dated : 26.09.22
TCT-COOD-MISC-0069-2022
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF NIMANTRAN RESTAURANT IN SAMBALPUR
Department of Tourism (DoT) invites proposals from prospective applicant(s) **for Operation & Maintenance of Nimantran Restaurant in Sambalpur** in accordance with the conditions and manner prescribed in the Request for Proposal (RFP) document.
The Proposals should be submitted by interested parties to the Director Tourism, Paryatan Bhawan, Lewis Road, Bhubaneswar-751014 on or before **26.10.2022 upto 15:00 Hrs**. The detail terms of RFP may be downloaded from our website : **https://dot.odishatourism.gov.in/?q=tender**
Additional Secretary to Govt.
R-7: OIPR-37001/11/0011/2223

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No: CEE/BGKT/TRZ/SEE(O)/AEE-3/2022-23/13604-613 Date: 23.09.2022
TENDER NOTIFICATION
(E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)
KPCL invites tenders for procurement of following materials required for Transmission Zone, KPTCL Bagalkote against Tender Enquiry No. KPTCL/BGKT/CEE/TZ/2022-23/110KV PT for Design, Manufacture, Testing and Supply of 24 No's of 110KV Voltage Class Potential Transformers conforming to KPTCL Technical Specifications for Transmission Zone, KPTCL, Bagalkote. Quantity Tendered: 110KV PTs of Various Sizes: 24 Nos.
The tender will be received thorugh "e-Procurement Portal" only. The detailed notification regarding subject enquiry in the e-Procurement portal can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in on hyperlink "e-procurement" or https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 27.09.2022, 4.00 pm onwards. Last date for receipt of tender is 07-10-2022 up to 05.00 pm. Further details can be had from the office of the under signed during office hours.
Sd/- Chief Engineer, Electricity, Transmission Zone, KPTCL, Near Sector No.45, Navanagar, Bagalkote-587103. Ph No: 08354-235692/235690.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, M.I. & G.W.D. DIVISION, KALABURAGI.
www.midnglb@rediffmail.com. PHONE : 08472 -220196
IFT No. EE/MI & GWD D/KAL/PB-3/2022-23/2761 DATED : 23-09-2022
-: SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (IFT KW-3) :-
1) Detail of work: THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, M.I. & G.W.D. DIVISION, KALABURAGI INVITES TENDER FROM THE ELEGIBAL TENDERERS FOR 4702 ANICUT PICKUP & MODERNISATION OF TANK WORKS. 2) Amount of Estimate : **Max. Rs. 100,64,032.52 Min. Rs. 50,28,819.42,** 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class-1, 4) Details of Tender Application Amount and EMD Amount : Tender Fee As Per e-Portal E.M.D. Max. Rs. 2,00,000.00 Min. Rs. 1,00,600.00, 5) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications:11-10-2022 Up to 11.00 Hours, 6) Last Date & Time for Receipt of Tenders: 12-10-2022 Up to 17.30 Hours 7) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid : **13-10-2022 Up to 17.30 Hours**, 8) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid : **14-10-2022 Up to 17.30 Hours**, 9) Addl. Information : Executive Engineer, M.I. & G.W.D. Division, Kalaburagi, 10) Address of E-Portal.: www.e-proc.karnataka.gov.in
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Division, Kalaburagi
DIPR/Kalaburagi/663/MC&A/2022-23

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Zone, Lakes Division, Room No.309, 3rd Floor, New Building, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560 002
No: EE-2/Lakes/TN-02/2022-23 Date: 26.09.2022
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through **GOK e-Procurement Portal** only)
The Executive Engineer, (Lakes), BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders for Providing Project Management Consultancy Services including Construction Supervision and Quality Control for the works detailed in the table below.

Name of the works	Cost of the Project (₹. in lakhs)	EMD (In ₹)
Package-1 "Providing Project Management Consultancy Services including Construction Supervision and Quality Control for the Work of 1) Improvements to pathway fencing and other works in Akshayanagara lake 2) Providing water body fencing, security room and other works in Gubbalalu lake. 3) Providing outer body fencing, improvements to and other works in Dorekere lake.4) Providing outer body fencing, improvements to walkway and other works in Basapura lake-2. 5) Providing inlet, outlet arrangements, outer body fencing, pathway improvements and other works in Kammanahalli Meenakshi lake. 6) Providing water body fencing, pathway improvements and other works in Yelenahalli lake. 7) Providing waterbody fencing, security room cum toilet block and other works in Doddakallasandra lake. 8) Providing water body fencing, balance outer body fencing and other works in Konappana Agrahara lake. 9) Walkway improvements, security room and other works in Subramanyapura lake. 10) Providing fencing to Kembatthahali lake 11) Improvements to Parappana Agrahara lake"	**1260.00**	**50,000**
Package-3 "Providing Project Management Consultancy Services for the Work of "(1) Developmental works in Beretana Agrahara lake (Chowdeshwari Layout) (2) Developmental works in Konanakunte lake"	**1200.00**	**50,000**

Calendar of Events : (1) RFP document may be downloaded through e-proc of GOK from **27.09.2022.** (2) Bids documents can be downloaded from **27.09.2022** onwards. (3) Pre-bid Meeting will be held on **03.10.2022** at **3:00** pm in the Office of the Chief Engineer, Lakes-Office BBMP. (4) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **15.10.2022** at **4:00** pm. (5) Technical Bids will be opened in the office of the Executive Engineer-2 Lakes, BBMP on **17.10.2022** at **4:30** pm. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
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Home and abroad

If India is to unite polarised nations, it must bring divisive forces under control

Delivering India's statement at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) this year, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar spoke of several challenges in India's past, present and future, with a special emphasis on the immediate "shocks" arising from the war in Ukraine, the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, and terrorism. In stark contrast to the Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, who made pejorative remarks about India, Mr. Jaishankar made no direct comment on Pakistan. Nor did he directly mention India's challenges at the Line of Actual Control, although he criticised China's habit of politicising and blocking UN Security Council terrorist designations. His comments on Ukraine were watched, as they came days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi was lauded by western countries for telling Russian President Vladimir Putin that the "era of war is over". Mr. Jaishankar expanded on Mr. Modi's theme without seeming to either criticise Russia or condone its actions: instead, he said, India stands on the side of peace, of respect for the UN charter, dialogue and diplomacy, and with all those now grappling with the "escalating costs of food, of fuel and fertilizers". His words were even-handed, and require global stakeholders to consider both the risks from the conflict in Ukraine, and from U.S.-EU led sanctions that could exacerbate global economic fragmentation and inflationary trends. The prognosis seems even bleaker, given that just prior to the UNGA, Mr. Putin delivered a speech committing to Russia's ability to use "all weapons", indicating nuclear options, while the Ukrainian President said no dialogue could bring an end to the war, calling instead for more weaponry and a global effort to "punish" Russia.

Above all, Mr. Jaishankar hailed what he called the "New India" under Mr. Modi, spelling out five pledges made at the 75th Independence day anniversary, which includes making India a developed nation by 2047. He added that India is ready to take on enhanced responsibility at the global body, and called for a reformed UN with an expanded Security Council, as a means at righting the "injustice" done to the global south. The year ahead, where India will host the G-20 summit, will, no doubt, test the will and the ability of the Modi government to play the role of global uniter, and what Mr. Jaishankar called a "bridge" between nations polarised by bitter divides. It is a goal which will only be achievable if New Delhi is able to play a similarly uniting role in its own neighbourhood, and bring polarising and divisive forces within India under control.

Turning inward

In Europe, far-right is tapping into public disgruntlement with the establishment

Sunday's parliamentary elections in Italy were seen as the first major test of Europe's resolve to keep the anti-establishment far-right away from power amid a devastating cost-of-living crisis and rocketing energy prices aggravated by Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the West's retaliatory sanctions on Moscow. However, the results, which saw Giorgia Meloni's Brothers of Italy emerging as the biggest vote getter, underscored the trend in the continent where far-right parties are on the rise, channelising growing public disgruntlement with the establishment. In the French presidential election in April, Marine Le Pen secured some 41.5% vote, the far-right's best post-War performance in the country. In the Swedish general election earlier this month, the government of Social Democratic Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson was voted out and the far-right Sweden Democrats emerged as the second largest party. And in Italy, a party with neo-fascist origins is going to form the next government, which would be the country's farthest right administration since the fall of fascist dictator Benito Mussolini in 1945. When most of the votes were counted, the Brothers of Italy won some 26% vote in both Houses of Parliament. Ms. Meloni's coalition, which includes Matteo Salvini's League and Silvio Berlusconi's Forza Italia, has secured some 44% of votes.

The Brothers of Italy has been known for its anti-immigrant, hard nationalist, protectionist, Eurosceptic views. Ms. Meloni, who took over the reins in 2014, toned down its neo-fascist roots and embraced a more acceptable version of populism – a cocktail of social conservatism and economic welfarism. Her decision not to join Mario Draghi's outgoing technocratic government also seemed to have helped her turn around the party's prospects. While most key parties, from the Left to the Right, supported Mr. Draghi's pro-business, pro-Brussels government in the name of stability, the Brothers of Italy remained the only opposition party. And when the cost-of-living crisis and internal divisions hit the Draghi administration and the country slid into another election, she stood to gain the most. The road ahead is not going to be easy given Italy's economic problems, divisions within her coalition and foreign policy challenges, including Ukraine. But the rise of the Brothers should set alarm bells ringing across European capitals. More European countries could fall into recession. The energy crisis is expected to be worse during winter and there is no end in sight to the Ukraine war. If Europe's establishment parties and governments fail to check the looming economic troubles and address growing discontent, the far-right will continue to exploit the political momentum.

Putting power back in the hands of the people

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A world bereft of an inclusive global community of trust is upon us. Racial genocides through history, blatant fascist leanings of the so-called "democracies", and escalating hunger and disease in Africa and other parts of the under-developed world give enough evidence that democracy faces serious issues of populism, growing economic discrimination, overpopulation and environmental degradation. Misgivings about moral progress, about mutual understanding, exacerbate the dismal situation that faces humanity.

Emerging voices

And though there is a lot of rage to go around, we also share hope for a better world and a commitment to bringing it into existence through those who dream and work and think deeply to subvert any kind of state repression underpinned by violence and the manufacturing of fear. Aware that the odds are pulling us fast towards a cataclysm, these "dreamers" are ready to act against the increasing injustices of democracies gone astray. Their voices have already begun to resound and reinforce each other in unison of emancipatory struggle for the reinvention of democracy and its beleaguered institutions. As Slavoj Zizek, the European philosopher, argues, their watchword is: "We are the ones we are waiting for", which apparently does not have connotations of "agents predestined by fate to perform the task" but that there is "no big Other to rely upon". What alone can prevent the inexorable march of history towards the "apocalypse", writes Zizek, is "pure voluntarism".

The motivation is to oppose the tyranny of the state through the understanding of the workings of unilateral majoritarian power and control. In this context, people must believe in the fact that though demonstrations and strikes have always been put down, they nevertheless advance the cause of progressive movements. The Congress party in India, for instance, has nothing much to write home about, but the Bharat Jodo Yatra initiated by Rahul Gandhi is a way of reaching out to the people to make them see the grim reality facing the nation.

> With a crisis of representation, tottering democracies can be brought to life with the crucial role of referendum or direct democracy

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The pressure on the Government already exists, but it needs to grow. At a public gathering in honour of Gauri Lankesh, Arundhati Roy spoke on the death of democracy and argued: "The question we have to ask ourselves is, what is it that brought us to a situation where people who are oppressed, people who have no employment, people who are suffering deeply, are voting for further hellishness upon themselves. What has made people believe in propaganda more than the reality of their experience..." in and outside their homes? Understandably, democracy is more in crisis than ever before, with the onset of centralisation of power, with a foreign policy defying public opinion, with the media centralised, and with corporate control of the economy tighter than ever. It is our responsibility to publicise the anti-democratic actions of the state as much as we can because the political leaders will not do it.

There may be a new, threatening world order emerging, which seeks to abrogate all individual rights and divide us along the extremist polarities that we thought had been neutralised. We move into this new stage of conflict carrying the risk of a nuclear tragedy, further exacerbated by the collective buttressing of a global crisis of the novel coronavirus pandemic, uncontrollable ecological disasters, and food and water deficiency. With the crisis of representation before us, tottering democracies across the globe can be brought to life with the crucial role of referendum or direct democracy, thereby defusing social, economic and political tensions and putting power back in the hands of the people. Alternatively, the peoples of the world have to be led by wise and informed leaders. Or else the human race shall go extinct.

Paradoxically, the brighter side of totalitarian politics, according to Zizek, is the apparent provocation of great intellectual outrage by thinkers who examine history from the perspective of the overwhelming anti-human or repressive movements. Undeniably, it is a daring effort close to the ferocious thought of Hannah Arendt in its reconciliation with the true nature of 'evil' and its genealogical underpinnings that draw us towards inherent positive motivations. One such motivation has been the "2022 Resilient Democracies Statement" – signed recently by the G7 and four invited guests – conscious of the decline in the institution of democracy. The idea behind the document is to tell the errant democracies of the world to "guard the freedom of expression and opinion, an affirmation of commitment to the very idea of democracy and a move towards opposing oppression and violence". Our ability to build a global self-governing ideal or what Tennyson dreamt of, "the Parliament of Man, the Federation of the World" can rekindle a new energy at every step that we fail. It is here that democratic institutions will facilitate the defence of our fundamental rights and the promotion of a civil society.

On rights for all

Clearly, we have hit a bottleneck in the efforts to achieve rights for all. Theoretically, it may seem to be the right step to prioritise universal legal and moral norms through public dishonouring of the guilty, but in fact, rights prevail only when they become relevant to the needs of the local communities especially through addressing important concerns such as impunity for atrocities, predicaments of free speech in the age of social media, ingrained exploitations of women's rights, and violence against the marginalised. As B.R. Ambedkar in 1949 explained, "...political democracy cannot last unless it lies at the base of its social democracy.... in politics we will have equality and in social and economic life we will have inequality... We must remove this contradiction at the earliest possible moment...."

Global transformist thought in the areas of social justice, universal human rights, rule of law, global anti-war movements and transnational amity remains an aspiration and a motivating dynamism behind all liberatory movements. The ruling elite must come to grips with the notion that "true ideas are imperishable and come back to life particularly at moments of their demise", something that is so apparent, for example, in the birth of 'radicality' at the juncture of the demise of Marxism.

And if our dreams fail, others must take their place. We as humans at the mercy of human and natural disasters can only individually respond to bringing meaning to senselessness, or reason to madness. As Howard Zinn says, "To be hopeful in bad times is not just foolishly romantic. It is based on the fact that human history is a history not only of cruelty, but also of compassion, sacrifice, courage, kindness." It is the power of the people to act directly, stand up collectively before the state apparatus in the hope that they would overcome the challenges facing humanity. History indeed is unpredictable and sometimes manifestly volatile to take our destiny in an entirely another direction from the veniality and brutality of governments.

Pitching India as a signature destination

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Earlier this month, the Dhauladhar ranges in the Himalayas were the setting for a gathering of State Tourism Ministers – a first-of-its-kind meeting to discuss, debate and deliberate on modes and mechanisms to develop tourism in India.

The Ministers brainstormed for three days, co-developing 'The Dharamshala Declaration' by drawing inspiration from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Whole of Government' approach, which enables the breaking down of silos and encouraging synergies across various government corridors.

On the occasion of World Tourism Day (it is held on September 27), I am happy to share this collective vision. 'The Dharamshala Declaration' aims to recognise India's role in contributing towards global tourism as well as focusing on recovery by also promoting domestic tourism – which has been overlooked for long. In his Independence Day speech in 2019, Mr. Modi urged every Indian who could afford to travel, to visit at least 15 locations in India by 2022 and discover the country. However, COVID-19 made this vision a challenge.

In the declaration, the Tourism Ministry has come up with a strategy and action plan to encourage more Indians to travel domestically and explore India's natural, cultural, and spiritual beauty while simultaneously reaching the goal of an 'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat' (interaction and mutual understanding). In parallel, the Ministry has also been working with the Ministry of External Affairs to identify 20 Indian missions abroad with the highest tourist footfalls to India and build country-specific strategies to attract foreign tourists.

Rethinking and reimagining tourism

Tourism has been one of the sectors severely affected by COVID-19. The Government of India's Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme was recently enhanced by ₹50,000 crore, from ₹4.5 lakh crore to ₹5 lakh crore to benefit enterprises in hospitality and related sectors such as hotels and restaurants, marriage halls, travel agents, tour operators, adventure and heritage facilities. The pandemic has also given us the time to reset and rethink the way forward for tourism in India. The Ministry of Tourism, after wide-ranging consultations, has prepared a draft National Tourism Policy 2022, which aims at improving the framework conditions for tourism development in the country, supporting tourism industries, strengthening tourism support functions and developing tourism sub-sectors.

> The Dharamshala Declaration aims to recognise India's potential in supporting global tourism and also promote domestic tourism

The guiding principles include promoting sustainable, responsible and inclusive tourism in line with our civilisational ethos. From Gautama to Gandhi, India has always spoken about the inherent need to live harmoniously with nature and within our means. The National Green Tourism Mission aims at institutionalising this approach.

The National Tourism policy also aims to give impetus to digitalisation, innovation and technology through the National Digital Tourism Mission and skilling through the Tourism and Hospitality Sector Skill Mission. The policy also gives a special impetus to private sector participation through public-private-partnerships (PPP). After 2002, this has been the first such attempt to bring forth a transformative tourism policy. Once the new policy is ratified, the Ministry would have a new set of tools and frameworks that are required to execute on the vision and goals we have set for ourselves.

Potential during the G20 presidency

The country has an opportunity to position itself as a major tourism destination during India's presidency of the G20 (December 2022-November 2023). India's age-old dictum of '*Atithi Devo Bhava*' will come to the fore as it welcomes delegates from the 20 countries/European Union. Delegates include personnel from the central banks and finance ministries of the G20 countries, close to 15 working groups ranging from anti-corruption and agriculture to health, culture and tourism and foreign ministers, and other ministerial meetings. All these tracks would mean that India will be hosting close to 200 meetings.

Even as the final list of cities is being finalised based on a set of transparent criteria such as conference infrastructure, accommodation availability, rankings in Swachh Bharat and other parameters, close to 35 cities with this potential have already been identified. During this time, the plan is to ensure due rigour, dedication and showcase the country's cultural richness while welcoming the world to India. The Ministry of Tourism also plans to work with other Ministries to bring in necessary interventions such as visa reforms, ease of travel, traveller-friendly and improved immigration facilities at airports.

The goals

Over the past few months, all the major tourism indices such as domestic air passenger traffic, hotel occupancy and tourist footfalls have shown signs of recovery and are going back to pre-pandemic levels. By mid-2024, we would be at pre-pandemic levels, with India achieving $150 billion as GDP contribution from tourism and $30 billion in foreign exchange earnings with 15 million foreign tourist arrivals.

By 2030, India is estimated to grow at 7%-9% compounded annual growth rate and we expect the enabling policy framework to bring in $250 billion in GDP contribution from tourism, 140 million jobs in the tourism sector and $56 billion in foreign exchange earnings with more than 25 million foreign arrivals.

The Ministry is committed to delivering on these goals to ensure the positioning of India as one of the world's best tourism destinations by 2047. World Tourism Day, therefore, is an appropriate day to renew this pledge.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Congress' woes

The political tussle in the Congress in Rajasthan has cast its dark shadow on the party's Bharat Jodo Yatra so to speak (Page 1, September 26).

It probably signals the end of the Gandhi triads' vice-like grip over the party. Like it or lump it, the Congress must learn to respect the fact that only regional satraps rule the roost politically in India. It also appears that the high command has clearly bungled affairs in Rajasthan, as it did earlier in Punjab.

S. Sanjeevi Rao,
Puducherry

The party high command's strategy to kill two birds with one stone is a move that has without doubt gone terribly wrong.

The timing of the crisis, in which Mr. Gehlot is in the centre of the storm, does not bode well for the party.

N. Sadhasiva Reddy,
Bengaluru

Violent front

The ideology of the Popular Front of India appears to be terror. Also, democracy gives people the right to dissent/protest, not destroy. Growing radicalism is a threat to the pluralism of religions and communal harmony.

Thomas Philip,
Chennai

New look

In the new design of *The Hindu*, content on the Editorial and Opinion pages has been reduced. Increased font size is one reason. There are also empty white spaces, earmarked for a description of the writer, which could have been avoided. Articles published in the Editorial and Opinion pages have been very useful for readers. It would have been better had the old design been retained — or is restored — for these pages as they had more content.

K. Midhun Kumar,
Avinashi, Tiruppur, Tamil Nadu

Corrections & Clarifications

Late correction: A sentence in the report headlined "Insurgency down in north-east, Army shifts to LAC" (September 19, 2022) erroneously read: "NSCN (Ky) is active in Longding, Tirap and Changlng districts of *Nagaland*." It should have been *Arunachal Pradesh*.

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Samarkand: a miniature of an emerging world

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That the world is in a state of flux – with all its complexities, hopes, aspirations and fears, but unable to embrace new realities – was in evidence in the historic city of Samarkand during the summit (September 15-16) of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) when key world leaders groped in the dark for an ideal world order.

The realities they faced were mind-boggling even without their traditional rivals breathing down their necks. Russia was clearly in the dock for its invasion of Ukraine, but the former Soviet Republics were not in a position to call a spade a spade. China was vulnerable because of the deal it had struck with Russia on Taiwan in return for a pledge to support Russia in its war with Ukraine. China appears to have made up its mind that its future lies with Russia as it does not see itself becoming a partner of the U.S. The U.S. seems to have chosen to be with democratic countries in its eventual return to centre stage. The emergence of a Red Quad may well be a possibility to counter democratic forces in the Indo-Pacific. The U.S.'s decision to modernise the Pakistani air force may be to preempt Pakistan from becoming a closer ally of China.

India's message to Russia

India had both its biggest adversaries on the table but was not on talking terms with them on account of a conspiracy of circumstances. Ironically, India, with its special historic bonds with Russia, was the only country to demand a cessation of hostilities and want diplomacy and democracy. India bluntly told Russia that this was not the time for war and that the war must stop because of the immense challenges it had posed to the world. India spoke about the oil crisis and the looming food scarcity, the disruption of supply chains and transit trade access. The war had to stop to avert a disaster.

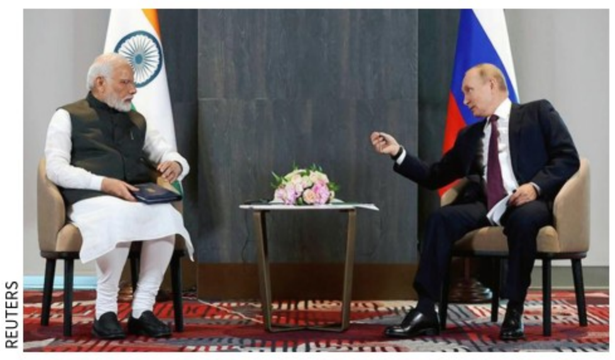
Russian President Vladimir Putin got away by saying that he understood India's concerns over the war in Ukraine, promising to try and end the conflict, but blaming the Ukrainian government for prolonging the crisis. He indicated that he was in no hurry to end the war. India has the best of relations with Russia, but the exchange pointed to the future when Russia would be an adversary of India together with China. India appeared to be the spokesperson of the conscience of mankind, which wanted the war to end.

India's real business should have been with China, which had violated every bilateral agreement and occupied territories across the Line of Actual Control. Chinese President Xi Jinping was there dictating to the world what kind of new world order must be shaped, and India was silent. The latest disengagement in Ladakh was supposed to have facilitated a thaw in the situation, making it possible for Prime Minister Narendra Modi to attend the SCO, but each side was perhaps waiting for the other to blink.

India had much to say about Pakistan too when a new Pakistani leader was there, and with no sign of regret over the perpetration of terrorism. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif claimed that he had discussed Kashmir with the Chinese President and received an assurance of support, though China made no such statement on Kashmir. The only point that Mr. Modi made was that Pakistan should give India transit trade access by land to Afghanistan and Central Asia. China and Russia had good words to say about India when they welcomed India's Chairmanship of the SCO and extended their support, which was nothing but a formality. It is impossible to predict the state of the SCO if the war persists and the world reaches an economic crisis.

India's position at the summit turned out to be one of questioning Russia on the continuation of the war, which may have positioned India on the right side of history in a world order divided between democracies and autocracies. Clearly, India cannot be with China or Russia in the new dispensation. India made this clear at the SCO summit.

With key world leaders groping in the dark for an ideal world order, the SCO summit was a demonstration of where India should stand right now



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A dress rehearsal

The Samarkand summit presented, in miniature, the world that may emerge in the future and demonstrated to us where we should stand right now. The Quad may well be the forum that will enable India to protect its interests in the Indo-Pacific, and the SCO may have been a dress rehearsal for what may eventually emerge. As Chairman of SCO, India cannot transform it from within, because a China-Russia-Iran-Pakistan axis will dominate it. India should concentrate on cultivating bilateral relations with democratic nations to build a pole for itself in the new world order.

The ripples of the events in Samarkand became evident in the United Nations General Assembly at its present session when both the U.S. and Russia declared for the first time that they would favour an expansion of the UNSC to make it more effective. U.S. President Joe Biden indicated his readiness to accept an expansion while Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov specifically supported India being a permanent member. An effort is on to move with the times and meet the aspirations of developing countries and thus help shape a new world order.

The sorry state of the Telangana archives

Narasimha Rao's observations are relevant for the present government

STATE OF PLAY

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The history of the former princely State of Hyderabad's liberation/annexation/integration into the Indian union was fervently discussed and debated as September 17, Hyderabad Liberation Day, drew close. It was no surprise that these debates were deeply political. Around the same time, the Telangana State Archives and Research Institute (TSARI) signed an MoU with the Noor International Microfilm Center (NIMC). The Delhi-based, Iranian government-backed NIMC will repair, conserve, digitise and catalogue Urdu and Persian historical manuscripts and documents. This could provide greater access to primary sources of history and encourage a more nuanced understanding and writing of the events that unfolded in the erstwhile State of Hyderabad and its merger into independent India.

But the TSARI is home to much more than just records from the Asaf Jahi period. It also contains documents from the Vijayanagara empire, the Bahmani Sultanate, the Deccan Sultanates, and the Mughal period. Former Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao said these are of "permanent value."

TSARI has its origins in the Daftar-e-Diwani of the Asaf Jahi dynasty, notes former head of the State Archives M.V.S. Prasada Rau. The Daftar-e-Diwani is said to have been under the administration of the Rai Rayan family. The allied Daftar-e-Istifa, for a fee, copied original documents such as the sanads (documents recording cash and land grants) of the subas (provinces) of the Deccan and

stored them in its repository. In the 1860s, Prime Minister Salar Jung I greatly reduced the role of the Daftar-e-Diwani, limiting it to handing out sanads to the people or subjects. The 1890s saw the appointment of a superintendent who was entrusted with preserving and cataloguing records, thus formalising the archives and turning it into a directorate.

Cut to 1965, the State Archives in undivided Andhra Pradesh moved to Osmania University, its current location, and was inaugurated by then Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri. Today, the TSARI has 43 million documents, some of which are from 1,406 CE. It has 20 lakh certificates of marriage dating back to 1,739 CE, gazette notifications from 1,869 CE onwards, and firmans (royal edicts). There are a staggering 1.55 lakh documents from the Mughal period. Catalogues show that there are scores of documents from Mughal emperor Aurangzeb's time.

Acute neglect

While the sheer number of folios and their antiquity are impressive, the TSARI suffers from acute neglect. Since 2015, little resources and effort have been put into cataloguing documents. To complicate matters of preservation further, a majority of these documents are still stored using an old system of documentation called the basta system. This leaves them more vulnerable to the vagaries of weather, time, and termites. While efforts to make this change are under way, a full shift to the more efficient and protective compactor system is awaited.

The TSARI has not seen meaningful budgetary allocations, except for salaries and similar expenses. No allocation was made from FY2016-2017 to FY 2020-21 for projects. Only ₹4.6 lakh was given in the next fiscal year. After reports were published in this newspaper, ₹1 crore was sanctioned earlier this year for digitisation, descriptive cataloguing, a document management system, a digital library and a website. Although slow, work is in progress.

It is here that Narasimha Rao's comments on the archives are relevant. Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao in 2020 described former Prime Minister Rao as a reformist who changed Telangana's landscape and created a "global India". The government could also heed former Prime Minister Rao's opinion of the archives. In 1980, Rao, who was then Minister of External Affairs, wrote: "I have been personally aware of the important and valuable work being done by the Andhra Pradesh State Archives Department ever since I was Education Minister of Andhra Pradesh (1967-71), and later Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh (1971-73). I have always felt that the specialised work of the Archives Department needs to be properly recognised and also reflected in the budgetary provisions that we make for this important function of archives-keeping."

The archives cannot be arbiters of truth; it is scholars and academics who interpret records and the public which reads these interpretations. The government must heed Rao's observation and leave no stone unturned in preserving precious historical documents.

Virat Kohli's prolonged 'century drought' is no exception

Cricket's greatest players have suffered agonisingly long dry spells, some longer than Kohli's

DATA POINT

Vignesh Radhakrishnan

On September 8, Virat Kohli scored a century against Afghanistan, 1,021 days after his previous hundred. The long dry spell was often used as an example by his critics of a slump in his batting form, though his captain Rohit Sharma and coach Rahul Dravid pooh-poohed these claims.

"With Virat, people get a little bit obsessed with his statistics and his numbers. For us, it's not really about that," Dravid had said just days before Kohli's recent century. In February, Sharma had defended Kohli saying his form was not a matter of concern for the team management. "It's a different matter that he did get a hundred, but in the series against South Africa, he scored two half-centuries. I don't think there is anything wrong," he said.

No one knows better about prolonged spells of 'century droughts' than Sharma himself. After scoring two consecutive hundreds in 2010 – the first two centuries in his career – Sharma did not score another century for 1,235 days, which is over 200 days more than Kohli's latest dry spell. Sharma also had another slump. His 14th century came over 500 days after his 13th century. However, he now holds 41 hundreds across formats.

Data show that even the game's greats have struggled with such gaps between two centuries. **Table 1** lists the widest gaps in terms of days between two consecutive centuries across all formats of the game among select batsmen. The table only lists the widest gap between two centuries in a batsman's career. For instance, Sri Lanka's ace batsman, Arjuna Ranatunga, scored his third century 2,340 days after his second. For the World Cup-winning former Australian captain Steve Waugh, the gap between his third and fourth century was 1,113 days. The table lists at least 23 other batsmen who have had a wider gap between two centuries than Kohli. The number of such players may actually be much higher as this is a conservative list, with players cherry-picked based on their career statistics.

Table 2 lists the highest number of days that have passed between two centuries across all formats of the game among select Indian batsmen. For instance, Yuvraj Singh's final hundred came 2,132 days after his penultimate century. Sunil Gavaskar took 1,150 days to score his fifth century. At least eleven Indian players – including former skippers M.S. Dhoni and Mohammad Azharuddin – had wider gaps between two hundreds in their careers than Kohli.

There are some interesting exceptions. The fabulous four – Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, Sourav Ganguly and V.V.S. Laxman – did not have gaps that exceeded Kohli's at any point of time in their careers. But even among them, there were times when the gap between two centuries exceeded 500 days.

However, it is more important to note at what point of time in their careers these stalwarts had such 'century droughts'. In the vertical axis, **Graph 3** shows the number of days between two centuries among select batsmen. The higher a bar, the wider the gap between two hundreds. In the horizontal axis, the graph shows the number of centuries scored. For instance, Tendulkar scored a 100 centuries and so there are 100 bars, while Kohli has 71 bars corresponding with his 71 hundreds.

The graph indicates that some players such as Matthew Hayden and Shivnarine Chanderpaul had the widest gaps in their early career. Vivian Richards, Clive Lloyd and Geoffrey Boycott had their widest gaps in the middle of their careers. And Allan Border's widest gap was at the end of his career. Kohli can breathe easy, for he is in stellar company.

Don't mind the gap

The tables and graph show the gap (in days) between two centuries among select batsmen. The list only includes players who have scored at least one ODI or one T20I century. However when calculating the gap, centuries across all the three formats were considered. Both the tables only include select players. The data was sourced from Cricinfo

Graph 3: In the graph, the higher a bar, the more the days taken to score a hundred. Bars on the far left indicate the initial part of a player's career. Each bar corresponds to a century

Gap between centuries
- 6 months or less
- 6 months to 1 year
- 1 to 2 years
- 2 years to 1,000 days
- >=1,000 days

Table 1: The table lists the highest number of days taken between two centuries across all formats of the game among select batsmen. The table only lists the widest gap between two such marks in a batsman's career

Player	Gap
MW Gatting (ENG)	2,730
A Ranatunga (SL)	2,340
Shoaib Malik (PAK)	2,068
Ijaz Ahmed (PAK)	1,713
Shahid Afridi (PAK)	1,606
CH Lloyd (WI)	1,582
ML Hayden (AUS)	1,494
TM Dilshan (SL)	1,475
MV Boucher (SA)	1,468
AR Border (AUS)	1,446
DS Lehmann (AUS)	1,348
SP Fleming (NZ)	1,283
WJ Cronje (SA)	1,237
GA Gooch (ENG)	1,235
G Boycott (ENG)	1,216
S Chanderpaul (WI)	1,173
MA Atherton (ENG)	1,168
MJ Guptill (NZ)	1,143
SR Waugh (AUS)	1,113
BB McCullum (NZ)	1,059
CL Hooper (WI)	1,049
DL Haynes (WI)	1,043
IVA Richards (WI)	1,031
V Kohli (INDIA)	**1,021**

The table lists at least 23 other batsmen who have had a wider gap between two centuries than Kohli

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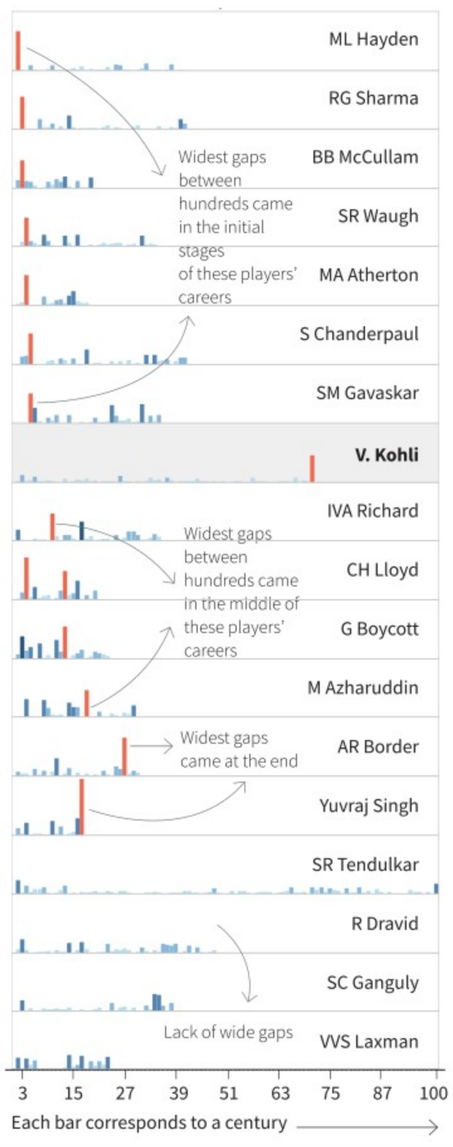
Table 2: The table lists the highest number of days taken between two centuries across all formats of the game among select Indian batsmen. At least 11 Indian players have had wider gaps between two hundreds in their careers than Kohli

Player	Gap
M Prabhakar	2,775
Yuvraj Singh	2,132
SK Raina	1,493
M Amarnath	1,407
RG Sharma	1,235
AT Rayudu	1,207
MS Dhoni	1,188
N Kapil Dev	1,188
SM Gavaskar	1,150
M Kaif	1,084
M Azharuddin	1,023
V Kohli	**1,021**
A Jadeja	1,012
VG Kambli	945
DB Vengsarkar	919
RR Pant	791
NS Sidhu	779
RJ Shastri	776
AM Rahane	749
SV Manjrekar	713
SS Iyer	659
SC Ganguly	649
KL Rahul	564
G Gambhir	552
KM Jadhav	551
VVS Laxman	538
SR Tendulkar	511

Vivian Richards, Clive Lloyd and Geoffrey Boycott had their widest gaps between centuries mid-career



FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 27, 1972

India resents ICRC taking sides on political issues

New Delhi, Sept. 26: India has warned the International Committee of the Red Cross that taking sides on political issues would affect its capacity for discharge of its humanitarian duties. The warning followed a statement by the ICRC spokesman, Mr. Alain Modoux that India was continuing to turn a deaf ear to pleas by the International Committee of the Red Cross for the release of the 500 to 1,000 sick or wounded Pakistani soldiers captured during the fighting in Bangladesh. An official spokesman said to-day "it is a pity that the ICRC which is a humanitarian organisation and which is expected to discharge its humanitarian functions objectively and impartially has seen fit to take side on political issues." The spokesman described the ICRC statement as "vague, somewhat incomprehensible and biased" and said it was "unfortunate" that the spokesman had come out with such a statement on the question of prisoners of war and civilian internees in India. Pointing out that India had already repatriated 299 sick and wounded prisoners of war and had decided to release another 123, the spokesman said that in these circumstances the ICRC statement "is factually incorrect". In fact the Government of India had suggested that these prisoners of war be repatriated to Pakistan on September 28. No response has so far been received from the ICRC.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 27, 1922

Season telegram

For the Week ending 23rd September 1922: Rainfall heavy, South Kanara and Cochin moderate Agency, Ganjam, Vizagapatnam and Malabar; fair, Ramnad, Travancore and the Nilgiris; light or nil elsewhere. Practically rainless week. Rainfall to-date generally below average except West Coast. Transplanting of paddy mainly in Chingleput, South Arcot and Tanjore and sowing of dry crops mainly in the Central districts proceeding. Sowings to-date much restricted in the Deccan. Standing crops fair, but dry crops in parts of 8 districts fading. Harvested paddy on the West Coast; out turn bumper cholam, cumbu, ragi and gingelly in parts, fair. Irrigation water is deficient in parts except West Coast.

Govt. to 'restrict' awards given for scientific research

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

The Centre has decided to reduce the number of awards given to scientists and medical researchers on the grounds that they are restricted to only "really deserving candidates", says the record of a meeting chaired by Ajay Bhalla, Home Secretary.

The meeting, held on September 16, was attended by Secretaries and senior officials of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Earth Sciences, the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Department of Atomic Energy and representatives from the Department of Health Research - Indian Council for Medical Research and the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India. *The Hindu* has viewed the minutes of the meeting made available on September 23.

Several Ministries made presentations on the awards given by their respective departments. The DST gave 207 awards, of which four were National Awards, 97 were private endowment awards, 54 were lecture, scholarship or fellowship based awards and 56 were 'internal awards'. The participants then agreed to retain only the national awards and do away with the rest. The department could start a new scheme for scholarship/fellowship with "suitable honorarium and full justification and detailed guidelines", the minutes said.

The Atomic Energy Department currently gave 25 "performance-based awards" given by public sector units affiliated to the department and 13 non-core domain awards. The quorum decided to do away with all awards and instead institute a new one "of very high stature".

The Indian Space Research Organisation said it did not confer awards, save three internal ones. These too ought to be done away with and replaced with a National level award of "very high stature", the meeting concluded. The CSIR gave seven awards, including the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Awards, that is given annually to accomplished scientists under 45 departments and announced every year on September 26. By norm, the awards this year were to be announced on Monday but was not done this year, several scientists told *The Hindu*. It couldn't be confirmed if this was linked to the meeting.

Now, police clearance certificate at post office

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

As part of the Indian government's passport-related services, the facility to apply for Police Clearance Certificates (PCC) will be included at all online Post Office Passport Seva Kendras across the country beginning from September 28, the Ministry of External Affairs said on Monday.

"This step would significantly add to the availability of PCC appointments slots, and at an earlier date," a notification said. The notification stated that the move would address the "unanticipated surge in demand" for PCC.

Results of CUET for postgraduate admission out

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The National Testing Agency on Monday announced the result for Common University Entrance Test for postgraduate admissions.

A total of 66 universities participated and 3.34 lakh students appeared for the exam. "The score on the marksheets are their raw marks. All papers, barring three, were held only once," UGC Chairman M. Jagadesh Kumar said.

From Page One

Team Gehlot in the wrong, says Congress

The leadership issue not only deepened the fault lines in the Rajasthan Congress but also triggered a war of words between Gehlot loyalists and All India Congress Committee (AICC) observers.

Mr. Maken said that after submitting their resignations before the Speaker, the protesting MLAs sent their emissaries – Shanti Kumar Dhariwal, Pratap Singh Khachariyawas and Mahesh Joshi – to put their demands before the CLP meeting.

"They said the one-line resolution to authorise the Congress president to nominate a new CLP leader should be applicable after October 19," Mr. Maken said. This, he said, was rejected because it was felt that "it would lead to conflict of interest since Mr. Gehlot, who is a front runner for the president's post, cannot empower himself by sending in such a resolution".

"Second, they insisted that Mr. Gehlot's successor should be picked from the 102 MLAs and not from the other group. To which we said we will speak to each MLA on one-to-one basis. But they insisted that the MLAs would meet us in groups," Mr. Maken said. "It is unfortunate that after all this, the CLP meeting could not take place. When the CLP official meeting is kept, no parallel meeting should take place and it primarily amounts to indiscipline," he added.

Mr. Dhariwal, the Cabinet Minister in whose house all the legislators were holed up, hit back at Mr. Maken and accused him of canvassing for Mr. Pilot. "It was 100% a conspiracy to remove the CM [Ashok Gehlot] and general secretary in-charge was a part of it. I am not talking about anyone else, no charge on Mr. Kharge as he is non-partisan but only the General Secretary in-charge [Mr. Maken]," said Mr. Dhariwal. In the midst of allegations and counter-allegations, Ms. Gandhi's meeting with Madhya Pradesh Congress chief Kamal Nath triggered speculation that he could be a contender for the party's top job. He denied it but it's not clear if he would choose to mediate between the 'high command' and Mr. Gehlot.

Azad floats new political party in J&K

Mr. Azad said his new party would borrow from the ideas and principles of former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and Mahatma Gandhi. "Our party policy will not be influenced by politics of religion, caste or creed. It will follow the roadmap of Gandhi, who got India independence. My party's name is Hindustani. Jawaharlal Nehru would say that a mix of Urdu and Hindu, spoken in our homes, is Hindustani. We respect all leaders and parties," Mr. Azad said. "Hindu, Muslim, Sikh and Christians are just four chambers of a human heart," he added. The newly-floated party has a flag with three colours, mustard, white and dark blue. He said that the party will keep holding grassroot level elections for its structure.

Centre's push for NavIC jolts smartphone giants

They have this year pushed smartphone giants to make hardware changes to support NavIC, in addition to GPS, in new phones they will sell from January 2023. In private meetings in August and September, representatives of Apple Inc, Xiaomi Corp, Samsung Electronics Co Ltd and others pushed back, citing worries that making phones NavIC-compliant would mean higher research and production costs. The changes would also require more testing clearances, which with a January 1 deadline would disrupt businesses and planned launches, according to two smartphone industry sources and documents.

Samsung declined to comment on the meetings, while Apple and Xiaomi did not respond to requests for comment. The Information Technology Ministry and ISRO also did not respond. Samsung in particular voiced concerns during a September 2 closed-door meeting between top smartphone players and chipmakers with the IT ministry and ISRO officials, according to the meeting's minutes reviewed by *Reuters*. Samsung's India executive Binu George warned of cost worries, telling officials that NavIC support requires not just new smartphone chipsets but also many other components. "This would add to cost as it requires hardware design changes and additional investments to support devices specific to India," the minutes quoted him as saying. Mr. George did not respond to a request for comment.

Videos on 10 YouTube channels blocked for hate speech: Centre

The content included fake news and morphed videos with the intent to spread hatred among religious communities; some videos were used to spread disinformation on issues related on Agnipath scheme and Kashmir, says I&B Ministry

Devesh K. Pandey
NEW DELHI

The Union Information and Broadcasting Ministry has blocked 45 videos from 10 YouTube channels for allegedly containing hateful speech against religious communities with the potential to cause communal disharmony.

Based on inputs from intelligence agencies, the Ministry issued directions for blocking the videos under the relevant provisions of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021.

The blocked videos had a cumulative viewership of more than 1.3 crore.

Wide reach: The 45 blocked videos had a cumulative viewership of more than 1.3 crore REUTERS

"The content included fake news and morphed videos with the intent to spread hatred among religious communities. Examples include false claims such as the government has taken away the religious rights of certain communities; violent threats against religious communities; declaration of civil war in India, etc. Such videos were found to have the potential to cause communal disharmony and disrupt public order in the country," the Ministry said in a statement.

Spread disinformation

Some of the videos in question were being used to allegedly spread disinformation on issues related to the Agnipath scheme, the armed forces, India's national security apparatus, Kashmir, among other matters. "The content was observed to be false and sensitive from the perspective of national security and India's friendly relations with foreign states," it said.

Some videos depicted erroneous external boundaries of India with respect to Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. "Such cartographic misrepresentation was found to be detrimental to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of India," the Ministry said, adding that the videos came under the ambit of Section 69A of the Information Technology (IT) Act.

In August, the Ministry blocked seven Indian and one Pakistan-based YouTube news channels on charge of spreading disinformation pertaining to India's national security, foreign relations and public order. The channels had 114 crore views and 85.73 lakh subscribers. A Facebook account and two posts on the social media platform were also blocked. Since December 2021, the Centre has taken similar action against more than 100 YouTube news channels and several other social media accounts.

JeM terrorist killed in J&K encounter, say police

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

A Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorist was killed in an anti-militancy operation in south Kashmir's Kulgam on Monday night. The terrorist has been identified as Abu Hurarah from Pakistan.

"Incriminating materials, arms and ammunition, including AK rifle, (were) recovered," Additional Director-General of Police (ADGP)Vijay Kumar said. An Army soldier and two civilians were injured in the process, police said.

Modi leaves for Japan for Shinzo Abe's funeral

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi left for Tokyo on Monday evening to attend the state funeral of Japan's former PM Shinzo Abe, who reshaped Japan's foreign policy including setting out a bold vision for a quantum leap in its ties with India.

Abe was assassinated in July this year and is being given a state funeral at Tokyo's massive Nippon Budokan indoor arena on Tuesday. India had announced a one-day national mourning on July 9 as a mark of respect for Abe.

Mr. Modi will also call on Abe's widow Akie Abe before returning to India. He will attend a formal ceremony for dignitaries at the Akasaka Palace (State Guest House) and hold a "brief" bilateral meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida. Mr. Modi is one of about 20 heads of state and government who will attend the funeral for the former PM, including the Prime Ministers of Australia, Canada, and Singapore.

Narendra Modi with former Japan PM Shinzo Abe.

Representatives from about 100 countries are also expected to arrive in Japan, including U.S. Vice-President Kamala Harris, special representative of Russian President on international cultural cooperation Mikhail Shvydkoy, and Chinese vice-chairperson of the National Committee of the Political Consultative Conference Wan Gang.

Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra said no other bilateral meetings had been scheduled thus far with leaders other than Mr. Kishida, and that the Prime Minister's visit would only last about 12-16 hours.

Mr. Kwatra declined to discuss specific details of the agenda of PM's discussion with Mr. Kishida when asked, whether progress in the much-delayed Ahmedabad-Mumbai bullet train project, which Abe had announced during a visit to India in 2017, would be discussed. "The discussions will take account and a quick overview and assessment of the overall relationship, its current status, its trajectory, and the steps that they both need to take to progress it further... it will not be proper to mention any one issue in this context," Mr. Kwatra said.

Mr. Kishida may meet Ms. Harris for dinner on Monday, and hold bilateral meetings with 10 leaders. *(With inputs from PTI)*

To watch a video, go to
The life and career of Shinzo Abe
https://trib.al/DRzyaNE

Impact of drug mafia on youth poses grave situation, says SC in suo motu hearing

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday acknowledged that the inroads made by drug mafia in society, especially among youngsters, pose a "grave situation'.

A Bench led by Chief Justice of India (CJI) U.U. Lalit roped in the Centre to be part of a *suo motu* hearing to address the evil.

It appointed advocate Shoeb Alam as *amicus curiae* in the *suo motu* case titled 'In re menace of drug mafia network operating in the country'.

Registry directed

The Bench also directed the Registry to hand over the case records to Additional Solicitor-General Aishwarya Bhati to assist the court from the side of the government.

Students take out a campaign against drug abuse.

Issuing notice, the Bench ordered the suo motu case to be listed on October 14.

The *suo motu* case was taken up on the basis of letter from a citizen to the Supreme Court highlighting the alarming increase in drug abuse, especially among school children and youths.

Several High Court across the country have in the past taken cognisance of the shadow cast by the drug mafia on society.

HC's observation

In 2020, the Madras High Court had observed that drug abuse was one of the major triggers behind commission of heinous offence.

The High Court highlighted the pervasive influence wielded by drug peddlers in schools, colleges and other public places.

The Kerala High Court had directed the State government to establish campus police units in educational institutions.

The Punjab and Haryana High Court has been for a time hearing a case on the rampant drug problem in Punjab.

OBCs not on Central list can apply under EWS for Union government posts: DoPT

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

People belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBC) communities in the State list but not in the Central list will be eligible to apply for posts and services of the Government of India under the EWS quota criteria, provided they fulfill all other requirements, the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) has said in a list of FAQs it has put out on how to recruit under the 10% reservation provided for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS).

The DoPT said the SC/ST members will not be eligible to apply for Central government posts

The DoPT issued the list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and the answers to them after it received several references from Ministries, departments and individuals with regards to the criteria to qualify for the EWS quota.

This comes at a time a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court is hearing a batch of petitions challenging the constitutionality of the EWS quota and has repeatedly voiced concerns of it eating into the 50% for the unreserved category – meant to be open for all irrespective of their caste, creed, or religion.

In addition to this, the DoPT, in the list of FAQs issued to States and Union Territories last week, added that members of the Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes will not be eligible to apply for Central government positions irrespective of where they reside (even if the State of residence does not recognise their community as an SC or ST).

Unfilled vacancies

Further, the DoPT has clarified that unfilled EWS vacancies for a particular recruitment year cannot be carried over to the next and that successive attempts to fill these vacancies with EWS candidates should be made. "Thereafter, the unfilled vacancies may be filled up, treating them as unreserved provided it does not result in excess representation in the general category beyond the number added on account of non-availability of EWS candidate," the DoPT said.

Tharoor claims he has support of a wide majority

The Hindu Bureau
PALAKKAD

Congress leader and MP Shashi Tharoor on Monday exuded confidence in the Congress presidential poll to be held on October 17.

Revealing his plan to submit the nomination papers on Friday, Mr. Tharoor said he had the support of Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi.

Mr. Tharoor met Rahul Gandhi when the latter reached Pattambi in Palakkad district during his Bharat Jodo Yatra on Monday. After discussions with the Congress leader, Mr. Tharoor said he had the support of a wide majority for the top party post.

"I am going to submit the nomination on Friday. Many people from different parts of the country have asked me to contest the Congress presidential election," said Mr. Tharoor.

He said he was hopeful of receiving the support of many in Kerala. However, he refused to comment on the intra-party political developments in Rajasthan.

Asked about taking on Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, Mr. Tharoor said whoever is on the other side, he would fight the election with enthusiasm and confidence.

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The challenges of the Congress presidential election
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BJP adopts 'wait and watch' policy on Rajasthan issue

No 'active' action being contemplated by the party towards any kind of government formation efforts; senior leader says rebellion and instability adds to the anti-incumbency mood in the State

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

The BJP has adopted a "wait and watch" policy with regard to the rebellion within the Congress in Rajasthan over the question of appointing Sachin Pilot Chief Minister, and no "active" action is being contemplated by the party towards government formation in the State.

According to a senior party leader involved with affairs in Rajasthan, the rebellion by Congress MLAs and the instability it has wrought "only adds to four years of anti-incumbency generated by the Ashok Gehlot government".

"The BJP is just observing what is happening in Rajasthan. This is something that is unfolding within the Congress. The State government has much to answer for in the four years that it has been in power and this adds to all that," said the source. He added that the BJP was ready for polls, even if held early. What is interesting is that the BJP is also "observing" what it said was the erosion of support among Congress MLAs for Mr. Pilot, who had revolted in July 2020 against the Chief Minister and had lodged in a resort in Gurugram along with over 20 Congress MLAs. "This time, the number of MLAs who turned up at the house of Shanti Kumar Dhariwal [Minister in the Gehlot government] and later at Assembly Speaker C.P. Joshi's residence, ready to quit in rebellion, included many who were with Sachin Pilot in July 2020," said the source.

Congress MLAs leaving for the residence of Rajasthan Assembly Speaker C.P. Joshi to attend a meeting on Sunday. PTI

A long-term implication of the Congress fracas could also have an impact on the BJP.

"While it is true that currently, former Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje is the biggest mass leader the party has in the State, the divisions in the Congress ranks could make the next Assembly election a one-sided affair for the BJP... But all that is in the future," said a source.

Independent MLAs in Rajasthan played crucial role in Sunday's events

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NEW DELHI

The Congress Legislature Party meeting was cancelled after many threatened to quit

Rajasthan's Independent MLAs, who have been a pressure group supporting Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, played a crucial role in bolstering the numbers for the anti-Sachin Pilot camp forcing cancellation of the scheduled Congress Legislature Party meeting on Sunday.

Out of the 12 Independent MLAs who are supporting the Congress government in Rajasthan, 10 are those who were denied Congress ticket in the 2018 Assembly election, when Mr. Pilot was the Pradesh Congress Committee president. According to sources, eight or nine of the Independent MLAs were present at Cabinet Minister Shanti Kumar Dhariwal's house. The other MLAs, who could not be physically present, extended their support to the protest.

Support for Gehlot

In 2018 too, this bloc was the first to express support for Mr. Gehlot. They had given support to the Congress on the condition that Mr. Gehlot and, not Mr. Pilot, was made the Chief Minister of the State.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Independent MLA Babulal Nagar said, "I have been with the Congress since 1995 and fought four elections on the Congress symbol. Because of one person's personal likes and dislikes, I was denied ticket in 2018 and yet I won. We Independent MLAs are the ones who have stayed on with the Congress and fought against all the BJP conspiracies to destablise the government."

Mr. Nagar had been a Minister in the Gehlot Cabinet between 2009 and 2013.

He said the Congress high command, instead of dictating its choice, should listen to stakeholders. On Sunday, one of the first indicative comments came from Sanyam Lodha, Independent MLA representing Sirohi. He warned that if the Congress were to take a decision against the majority MLAs' sentiment, the government would be in danger.

Sachin Pilot maintains silence, awaits Sonia's final decision

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

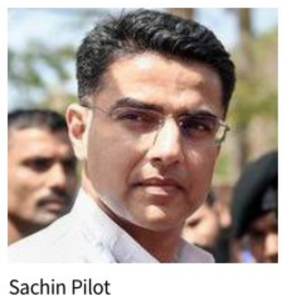
After Sunday's events in Jaipur, all eyes are on former Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot who has maintained a studied silence, and sources say he is now awaiting the final judgment by Congress president Sonia Gandhi before deciding the future course of action.

Mr. Pilot was largely expected to take over the reins of Rajasthan from Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot. While the pro-Gehlot camp marched 92 MLAs that included many Independents, Mr. Pilot's support has depleted with at least four of the 18 MLAs who stood by him in July 2020 rebellion submitting resignations.

Since Sunday night, at least two of the four MLAs have spoken out insisting that they would stick by the decision taken by the party "high command".

K.L. Bairwa, an MLA supporting Mr. Pilot said that many MLAs landed up at Cabinet Minister Shanti Kumar Dhariwal's residence because of confusion. "They received a call from Chief Whip Mahesh Joshi and many of them landed there without realizing what they are in for.

Speaking to presspersons, Bagru MLA Ganga


Sachin Pilot

Devi said she did not resign. "I am clear that I will stand by whatever decision taken by the party's central leadership. I could not meet the central observers because of the events of last night," Ms. Devi said.

Indira Meena, MLA for Bamanwas, said that though she signed some papers, she was not aware that it was a resignation letter. "I was in my constituency and reached Jaipur late in the evening. I was told to come to Speaker C.P. Joshi's residence instead. There a paper was circulated which everyone signed, including me. But I didn't read it," Ms. Meena said. Asked pointedly if she was opposed to Mr. Pilot, Ms. Meena said she had no problem with him, repeating the same line as Ms. Devi, that she would stand by whatever decision the party leadership takes.

"Congress State incharge Ajay Maken has said holding a parallel meeting when a formal meeting of the Congress Legislature Party was scheduled amounts to indiscipline. It remains to be seen if the Congress leadership will punish Ashok Gehlot who clearly orchestrated the entire rebellion," an MLA close to Mr. Pilot said.

This is the second time in two years that Mr. Pilot has been outsmarted by Mr. Gehlot and his supporters.

Delhi HC refuses to stay dismissal order

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Monday refused to put on hold the Centre's decision to dismiss Satish Chandra Verma, a senior IPS officer, a month before his retirement. Mr. Verma had assisted the CBI in its probe into the Ishrat Jahan 'encounter' case. A departmental inquiry had found him guilty of charges, including "interacting with public media" without authorisation or permission from the competent authority.

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PURABI DAIRY — West Assam Milk Producers' Cooperative Union Ltd. (WAMUL) World Bank Financed Assam Agribusiness and Rural Transformation Project (APART)
Ref No. MD/PC/APART/E-Tender/2022-23/08 **Dated: 27th September, 2022**
e-Procurement Tender Notice
The West Assam Milk Producers' Cooperative Union Limited (WAMUL) is an implementing agency of World Bank Financed (APART) Project and now intends to purchase the following items from the eligible bidder as mentioned below:

Sl. No	Category	Date of publishing tender	Last date of submission of Quotations
1	Visi-Cooler and Chest-Cooler	08-10-2022	09-11-2022
2	Sexed Semen	10-10-2022	10-11-2022
3	Walk-in Cooler	11-10-2022	11-11-2022
4	Refrigerated Van	12-10-2022	12-11-2022
5	**Corrigendum:** This refers to the advertisement published vide ref. No-MD/PC/APART/E-Tender/2022-23/07 on dated 8th Sept, 2022 for Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of **Mechanized Silage making machine** under APART Project. Due to some unavoidable circumstances the said tender couldn't be published on said date. Now the tender will be published on 10th October, 2022 and last date of submission of bid will be 10th November, 2022.		

The details of the E-tender will be published and available at **www.assamtenders.gov.in** as mentioned above. If any corrigendum will be issued, it will be published in **www.assamtenders.gov.in** on or before last date and timing for submission of bid. No separate notification for publication of corrigendum or extension of last date of submission of bid will be made through Newspaper advertisement. *Sd/-* **Managing Director**

GREATER HYDERABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING
O/o The Superintending Engineer (SRDP/P-WZ),GHMC, Hyderabad
Tender Notice No.07/SE(SRDP/P-WZ)/GHMC/2022-23 Date: 24-09-2022
Item No.1; Name of Work : **Consultancy services for preparation of Benefit Monitoring and Evaluation (BME) report of the Flyovers / Grade Separators constructed under Strategic Road Development Program (SRDP) over signalized junctions (28 Structures) and (10) major corridors developed and maintained under Comprehensive Road Maintenance Program (CRMP) in GHMC**
Sl. No., Events, Date and Time: 1. Start date: 28-09-2022 from 04.00 PM; **2. Pre-bid Meeting Date:** 11-10-2022 at 03.00 PM, **Location: In the chambers of the Chief Engineer (P), GHMC 6th Floor CC Complex, Tank Bund, Hyderabad. 3. Uploading of replies to pre-bid queries:** 14-10-2022 at 04.00 PM; **4. Download End date:** 28-10-2022 upto 02.00 PM; **5. Last Date & Time for Receipts of Bids:** 28-10-2022 upto 03.00 PM; **6. Opening of Technical bid:** 28-10-2022 after 03 .30 PM; **7. Opening of Price bid:** 02-11-2022 after 04.00 PM.
Note: The Bidders are advised to visit www.tender.telangana.gov.in to download Bid Document. Any Queries can be addressed to sesrdppwz@gmail.com
Address of the officer concerned Sri .S. Venkataramana, SE (SRDP/P-WZ), Superintending Engineer (SRDP/P-WZ), Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Tank Bund Road, Hyderabad. Further details can be seen at 'e' Procurement @ **www.tender.telangana.gov.in.**
Sd/- Superintending Engineer (SRDP/P-WZ) GHMC
DIPR No.7267-PP/CL/ADVT/1/2022-23, Dt:26.09.2022

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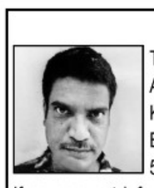
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DySP KOTTAYAM - 9497990050
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ETTUMANOOR PS - 0481 2535517
RO/02347/F2/2022/I&PRD

Directorate General Prisons, Rajasthan Jaipur
Despatch No. Gen/C.S./49/2022-23/36090 Date 16-09-2022
NOTICE INVITING BID
Bids For X-Ray Baggage Machine, Chapati Making Machine, Solar Light, Ceiling Fan, Exhaust Fan, Public Address System, High Density Search Light, Generator, PhotoStat Machine, Printer, Desktop Computer, Water Cooler, Laptop, Projector (NIB-JLD2223A0042) are Invited from interested bidders upto 05:00 pm on 17.09.2022. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eroc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state; and http://www.home.rajasthan.gov.in departmental website. The approximate value of the procurement is respectively Rs. (in Lac) 280.00, 120.00, 60.00, 26.50, 42.00, 11.10, 25.50, 20.00, 10.80, 24.00, 30.00, 7.50, 7.00 and 2.00.
UBN: JLD2223GLOB00060 To JLD2223GLOB00070
JLD2223GSOB00071 To JLD2223GSOB00073
Addl. Director General of Prisons
Rajasthan Jaipur
DIPR/C/12234

Government of Kerala
Published Tenders from 19-09-2022 to 25-09-2022
Election Department
Tender ID: 2022_Elec_508175_1 * Chief Electoral Officer * PRINT SERVICE PROVIDERS for Printing and personalizing PVC E * Closing Date: 03-Oct-2022 * PAC: Rs45000000
Stationery Department
Tender ID: 2022_STY_509106_1 * Controller of Stationery * Supply of Maplitho paper 75 gsm, RA1(61 x 86 cm)(19.7 Kg per * Closing Date: 10-Oct-2022 * PAC: Rs28800000
Tender ID: 2022_STY_509115_1 * Controller of Stationery * Supply of Maplitho Paper 75 gsm, 86 cm Reel * Closing Date: 10-Oct-2022 * PAC: Rs19500000
Visit **https://etenders.kerala.gov.in** for more details.
Ro.No:19-25/Sep/2022/PRD/(N)10

Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, PWD, Zone, Ajmer
No.:- ACE/AJ/TECH/F2(30A-Ajmer)/D-3307 Date:- 20.09.2022
NIB No.:-PWD2223A2033
Notice Inviting Bid No. 12/2022-23
Bids for 05 No. Packages are invited from interested bidders upto 6.00 PM on Monday 17 October 2022. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the State; and DIPR departmental website. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 2594.00 Lacs.
UBN No.:- PWD2223WLOB07650, PWD2223WSOB07651, PWD2223WLOB07652, PWD2223WLOB07654 & PWD2223WSOB07657
(Vikas Dixit),
Additional Chief Engineer,
PWD, Zone, Ajmer
DIPR/C/12271

OFFICE OF ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER, PHED, REGION BHARATPUR
Telephone No 05644-222731, 221500, Email:rj_acebha@nic.in
Notice Inviting Bid No. 68 to 85/2022-23
Online bids for NIT No. 68 to 85/2022-23 (18 works), Costing Rs. 6990.23 Lacs in invited on behalf of the Governor of Rajasthan from eligible enlisted in appropriate class contractors of PHED, Rajasthan and meeting eligibility criteria. Contractors enlisted with other departments of Government of Rajasthan and Enlisted with CPWD / Postal / Telecom / Railways / MES / other State Government / Central Government undertakings / organization in class equivalent to " A/AA" class of Rajasthan (as applicable) and meeting prescribed eligibility criteria may also apply. Details of this Bid notification and pre-qualification criteria can also be seen NIB exhibited on web site www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in and http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in. Bids are to be submitted online electronic format on web site http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in from 19-09-2022 to 11-10-2022 (6 PM) & Bids are to be opened at 11.00 AM on 12-10-2022.
NIB Code: PHE2223A3456
UBN No.

1. PHE2223WSOB06991	2. PHE2223WSOB06992	3. PHE2223WSOB06993
4. PHE2223WSOB06994	5. PHE2223WSOB06995	6. PHE2223WSOB06996
7. PHE2223WSOB06998	8. PHE2223WSOB07000	9. PHE2223WSOB07002
10. PHE2223WSOB07004	11. PHE2223WSOB07007	12. PHE2223WSOB07009
13. PHE2223WSOB07011	14. PHE2223WSOB07012	15. PHE2223WSOB07014
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(Ram Niwas Meena)
Addl. Chief Engineer
PHED, Region Bharatpur
DIPR/C/12216

Government of Karnataka
Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division Bagalkot
Hubli Bypass Road Unit-2 Opposite Food Park Sector No.85 5th Cross Navanagar Bagalkote
E-mail:-eerwssdbagalkot@gmail.com Tel: 08354-220446 Fax: 08354 - 226335
No: EE/RDW&S/DN/BGK/PB-1/TENDER/2022-23/1320 **Date: 23-09-2022**
Shorterm e-procurement Tender Notification
On be half of Governor of Karnataka I Executive Engineer RDW&SD Bagalkot called the tender through e-procurement from qualified contractors and the details as below

Sl No	Name of Work	APT(in Lakhs)	EMD(in Lakhs)	Tender Processing Fee	Period of Completion
01	Water Supply Scheme to Rural Habitations in Jamakhandi and Rabakavi - Banahatti Taluks of Bagalkote District on DBOT basis under Jal Jeevan Mission [Scheme-1 - Source: Hipparagi Barrage] Work Indent :44979	27544.04	275.00	As per e-procurement portal	18 months
02	Multi Village Drinking Water Supply Scheme (MVS) covering all Rural Habitations of Bagalkot, Bilagi, Badami, Guledagudda and Mudhol Taluks of Bagalkote District on DBOT basis under Jal Jeevan Mission [Scheme-2 - Source: Alamatti Dam Work Indent :47266	71042.96	711.00	As per e-procurement portal	21 months
03	Multi Village Drinking Water Supply Scheme (MVS) to Rural Habitations of Ilkal and Hunagund Taluks of Bagalkote District on DBOT basis under Jal Jeevan Mission [Scheme- 3 - Source: Narayanapura Reservoir] Work Indent :47265	16145.27	162.00	As per e-procurement portal	15 months

TIME SCHEDULE
(1) Downloading of document through e portal :- **20-09-2022** to **20-10-2022** up to **16:00 PM (2)** Pre-bid Meeting at C.E, R. D.W & S. D, Bangalore :- **29-09-2022** Time: **12:15 PM (3)** Last Date & Time for tender queries/ Clarifications :- **28-09-2022** Time: **17 :30 PM (4)** Last Date & Time for Receipt of Bids :- **20-10 2022** Time:**16:00 PM (5)** Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening :- **21-10-2022** Time:**17:30 PM (6)** Date & Time of Financial Bid Opening :- **25-10-2022** Time: **11:00 AM**. For further any details please contact/visit **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDWS & S Dn Bagalkot
DIPR/BGK/469/2022-23/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY

Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, PHED, Region-Kota
Notice Inviting Bid
Bids for works under JJM are invited from interested bidders upto 06.10.2022 18:00 Hours. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, and http://rajwater.gov.in departmental website detail are following:-

NIT. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Date & time for online submission of tender
24/22-23	Designing, Providing, Installaton and Commissioning of Solar Energy Based Bore Well Water Pumping System including Comprehensive Operation and Maintenance for A Period of Five Years in Various Villages of Rajasthan under CM Budget Announcement to Solarise 200 water pumps on pilot basis on mini drinking water schemes. **UBN No. PHE2223WLRC06869**	**Rs. 1406.57 Lacs**	**15-09-2022 at 16:00 Hrs upto 06-10-2022 (upto 18:00 Hrs)**

(Mahesh Jangid)
Additional Chief Engineer
PHED, Region, Kota
DIPR/C/12353

Government of Kerala
Kerala Water Resources Department
State Project Management Unit
Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP) - Phase II
Office of the Chief Engineer, Irrigation Design and Research Board (IDRB), 3rd Floor, Vikas Bhavan, Thiruvananthapuram PIN: 695 033
NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION
Quotation No.KWRD/DRIP/E&S/CE-Q1/2022-23 Dated 26/09/2022
SPMU - DRIP II, KWRD invites quotation for the following consulting services from qualified and experienced persons/consultants to monitor and prepare periodical reports based on the ToR and scope of services.

Brief Description of the consultancy service	No of posts
DRIP Phase II - Engaging Environment expert	1 no
DRIP Phase II - Engaging Social Expert	1 no

For more details please visit: www.idrb-irrigation.org and www.irrigation-kerala.org
Last date for submission of Quotation is 15.10.2022, 4.00 PM
Date:- 26.09.2022 Sd/- Project Director SPMU, DRIP
RO/02363/d3/2022/I&PRD

INBRIEF

23 IITs join hands for mega R&D fair to be held on Oct. 14

As many as 23 Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in the country will come together for a mega fair on Research and Development (R&D) on October 14 and 15 with an aim to inculcate "innovation-driven" outlook and encourage development of affordable technologies in line with the "Make in India" and "Digital India" initiatives. The R&D fair called "IInvenTiv" is being organised as part of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' to commemorate 75 years of India's Independence. Apart from creating awareness of research and innovation work by the IITs, the fair will provide an opportunity for universities to explore avenues for collaboration.

France to hold education fairs next month in four big cities

France will host a series of education fairs in India called "Choose France Tour 2022" from October 11 to October 16 to attract students for higher education. The fairs will be held in Kochi, Bengaluru, Mumbai and New Delhi and representatives of 37 leading universities, Grandes Ecoles, and colleges will be participating. Students can get free counselling sessions and receive information regarding scholarships, visa opportunities and student life in France. French President Emmanuel Macron has set a target of welcoming 20,000 Indian students by 2025, a four-fold increase from the current levels.

TRS MP Keshav Rao resigns from Press Council of India

TRS floor leader of the Rajya Sabha, Keshav Rao, resigned from the Press Council of India, a post to which he was nominated by the Rajya Sabha chairman Jagdeep Dhankar. Mr. Rao forwarded his resignation to Mr. Dhankar on September 19, stating "personal reasons" for relinquishing the post. Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mr. Rao said that a position in the Press Council is futile until the council is provided with teeth. "In media, we see slanted reporting, where only one part of the story, mostly pro-Union government stories play out. In such a scenario, I felt it would be futile for me continue in the position," he said.

Centre launches competition for toys made out of waste

The Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry on Monday launched a nationwide competition for individuals and groups to come up with ideas for making toys out of waste. The Ministry said in a statement that it was launching the 'Swachh Toycathon' in response to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "clarion call for making the toy industry environment-friendly". Speaking at the launch of the online platform for the competition, Housing and Urban Affairs Secretary Manoj Joshi asked people to come up with innovative solutions to meet the demand for toys. Applications would be shortlisted by November 30 and evaluated in December, the Ministry said.

Authorities looking into resort demolition in Uttarakhand murder case

Victim's father alleged that the 'bulldozer action' on the resort had destroyed evidence; District Magistrate conducting inquiry; DGP claims police have preserved all the evidence from the resort

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

A day after the father of 19-year-old Ankita Bhandari, who was allegedly murdered by the son of a BJP leader in Uttarakhand, questioned the demolition undertaken at the resort where the victim worked, Vijay Kumar Jogdande, District Magistrate, Pauri Garhwal, told *The Hindu* that the demolition order had not been sent from his office.

"There are several agencies who can take this action. We are examining who did it," Mr. Jogdande said.

"The orders may have come from the police, Revenue Department, Sub-Divisional Magistrate or from the civic and development authority. After this matter came into my knowledge from the media, I am inquiring about it," he added.

Demanding justice: People protesting against the recent killing of Ankita Bhandari in Uttarakhand. PTI

Shekhar Suyal, Superintendent of Police, Kotdwar, said that the police had not ordered the demolition.

Virendra Bhandari, the victim's father, had on Sunday refused to cremate his daughter, and alleged while speaking to pressperson that the "bulldozer action" had destroyed evidence. Former Uttarakhand Chief Minister Harish Rawat also raised the issue.

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami lauded the demolition at the resort. Locals shared a video of the demolition by a bulldozer, after which unidentified persons set the resort premises on fire.

"How can you bulldoze a crime scene? It's supposed to be preserved. How can we not say that it was a conspiracy to save the VIPs who used to get 'special services' in the resort that Ankita was being forced to give," Garima Dasauni, Congress spokesperson for Uttarakhand, alleged.

Ms. Dasauni said the Chief Minister should make it clear whether the bulldozer was deployed to "help the victim or the accused".

The BJP has expelled the father and elder brother of the main accused from the party. Mr. Dhami removed the older brother of the accused from the post of nominated Vice-Chairman of the State's Other Backward Classes Commission.

"We have preserved all evidence and investigation is being done by the SIT (Special Investigation Team)," Ashok Kumar, Director-General of Police, said.

Orissa High Court judge pronounces 32 judgments in one day

Satyasundar Barik
BHUBANESWAR

According to court records, as many as 1,72,301 cases are pending as of September 23

An Orissa High Court Bench on Monday delivered judgment in 32 matters, pertaining to mostly civil disputes, in a single day.

The Bench of Justice Debabrata Dash went on a marathon pronouncement of judgments, helping clear the backlog to a certain extent.

A majority of the 32 cases listed for judgment were second appeals.

Oldest case

The oldest of the cases disposed of on Monday was between Jayadayal Agarwalla and Jogeswar Meher, two private persons.

The ordinary civil matter of damage recovery had been in the court since it was filed on July 18, 1988. Earlier, the case was fought in a lower court for six years since 1982. Justice Dash dismissed the appeal.

Similarly, the District Collector of Kalahandi had moved the court against encroachment on government land by Prahallad Aghria and others in 1999.

Justice Dash admitted the appeal of the Collector, which means private persons' encroachments now stand invalid.

The judge admitted the second appeal of government agencies in four cases. The judgments were pronounced in open court, the copies of which are likely to be uploaded on the court's website in two or three days.

The court currently has 23 judges, including Chief Justice S. Muralidhar. According to court records, as many as 1,72,301 cases are pending as of September 23.

The highest among them are writ petitions under Article 226 and 227, with as many as 67,266 cases pending. Similarly, cases challenging judgment and sentences stand at 10,580.

Odisha Law Minister Jagannath Saraka recently informed the Assembly that more than one lakh cases have been pending for 15 years or more.

Dalit student dies after being beaten by teacher

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

A Dalit student of Class 10 died while receiving medical treatment in Lucknow on Monday, days after he was beaten by his teacher for writing wrong answers in an examination.

The boy, a student of Adarsh Inter College Achhalda, Auraiya, suffered internal injuries after allegedly being beaten on September 7 by his social science teacher Ashwini Singh. The incident led to an outrage in the Dalit community of the region.

On September 7, the boy was taken to an Etawah hospital for treatment and was later shifted to Lucknow.

A first information report (FIR) has been lodged at the Achhalda police station after a complaint filed by the victim's family and the police have started a search operation to nab the accused teacher.

Live-streaming, online RTI portal: SC takes big steps on transparency

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit on Monday assured a litigant that a dedicated platform is being planned to livestream Supreme Court proceedings.

The Chief Justice's remarks came a few days after Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, in a similar fashion, spoke in open court about the opening up of a Right to Information (RTI) portal.

These remarks by the two senior-most judges of the top court provided glimpses of a court edging closer and closer towards complete transparency.

The move towards transparency can be traced over the past seven years. It, however, started with a big negative in 2015. The court struck down the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC) Act and the 99th Constitutional Amendment in 2015.

But the aftermath of the judgment also saw the court invite public opinion on ways to improve the opaque Collegium system of judicial appointments. It received over 11,500 views from the public. The ensuing months saw the Collegium publish its resolutions on the Supreme Court website, a practice that continues still.

> These are the initial stages. We will certainly have our own dedicated platforms for live-streaming
>
> **U.U. LALIT**
> Chief Justice of India

Then came the unprecedented press conference held by four senior-most judges on January 12, 2018 to complain about the "selective" allocation of sensitive cases by successive Chief Justices of India. This led to the publication of the first-ever "subject-wise roster" for allocation of cases a month later.

The same year saw the Supreme Court deliver its judgment agreeing to live-stream its proceedings. But successive Chief Justices remained hesitant to implement its own verdict.

Recently, a letter from senior advocate Indira Jaising to Chief Justice Lalit, reminding him about the live-streaming judgment, saw a Full Court promptly gather on September 20 and agree to beam the Constitution Bench proceedings live.

On Monday, Chief Justice Lalit brushed aside apprehensions raised by former BJP leader K.N. Govindacharya, through a writ petition, about the Supreme Court using YouTube as a medium for its webcast. "These are the initial stages. We will certainly have our own dedicated platforms," the Chief Justice said.

Justice Chandrachud assured advocate Prashant Bhushan last week that efforts were on to establish an RTI portal for submission of petitions online. "This is really valuable," Justice Chandrachud said.

The court's relationship with RTI had not been easy in the past years. Its registry had fought tooth and nail in the Delhi High Court and later in appeal in the apex court itself about opening up the Chief Justice of India's office to the transparency law. In 2019, a Constitution Bench settled the issue, declaring that the Office of the Chief Justice of India was a 'public authority' under the RTI Act. Justice Sanjiv Khanna wrote in the judgment that "transparency and accountability go hand-in-hand".

BJP MP denies signing letter in favour of Tharoor

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

BJP MP Anil Agarwal on Monday wrote to Rajya Sabha floor leader Piyush Goyal, denying that he had signed a letter in support of senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor, expressing dismay over the decision to remove Mr. Tharoor as the Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology.

The letter, which was signed by four members of the committee, including Mr. Agarwal, was circulated on social media, with Mr. Tharoor also thanking all the signatories on Twitter for their solidarity.

In the expected reshuffle, the government has conveyed to the Congress that it will no longer hold the chairmanship of the parliamentary panel on I; instead, the party has been offered the committee on chemical and fertilizers.

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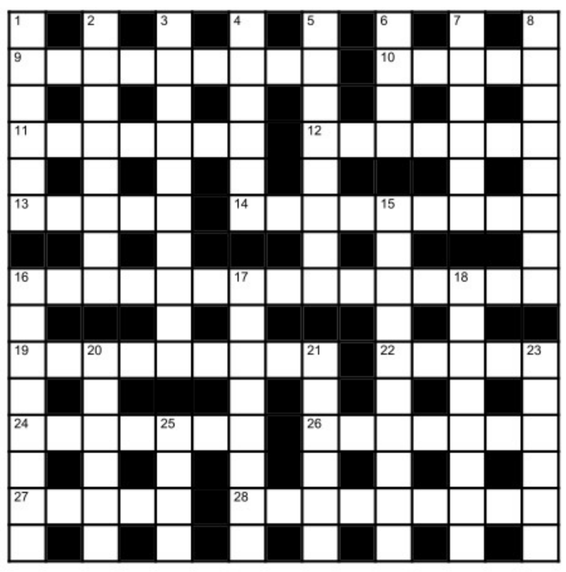

Across

9 View broadcast at one, live (9)
10 Enquire about missing Indian Railways card (5)
11 Diamond ring Frenchman dropped in wild shrub (7)
12 Study aspects of sex? Am in! Exciting!! (7)
13 Kind to muffle — at the onset! — naughty nasal sound (5)
14 Circumstantially single man consumes bites of nutrients and proteins for energy (4,5)
16 Doctor cures poor father as expected (3,3,3,6)
19 Was sorry about gluttony, having eaten two times (9)
22 Headgear frequently sported backwards by American pilot (5)
24 The woman's oddly better with a drink (4,3)
26 Strong feeling — two essentially divides (1+50×2)×2! (3,4)
27 Rise in geeks' demands? (5)
28 Space program's final stages caught in new energy crisis (9)

Down

1 Garfunkel is wearing this man's suit (6)
2 When it was time for action from Zorro, he texted you desperately! (4,4)
3 Spiritual master gets ordinary student inspired by the endlessly fascinating journey (6,4)
4 Puzzle gossip involving Gussalufz getting extremely gross (6)
5 Old Indian coin is over 10 euros, they feel (8)
6 A bit of ale serving as water (4)
7 Raised five children, now regularly hides to take stock (6)
8 Prepare one for final journey, then hear sermon, taking veil off (8)
15 Hospital department to ask questions covering a month with zero record of performance (10)
16 Lightly roasting fresh carp with aromatic spice (8)
17 One with some trust on god during complicated test finds concentration (8)
18 Gangster breaks rules, switches allegiance (8)
20 Plot revealed by Imagine Dragons played in reverse (6)
21 Push liberal nonsense (6)
23 A lover not on top sets down cushions (6)
25 I am disappointed about a mission (4)

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Solution to puzzle 13670

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Viradha freed from curse

Rama had occasion to meet the pious rishis of Dandakaranya during His vana vasa even as He had the compulsion to deal with the many rakshasas who constantly disrupted their peaceful life. When Rama went further into the deep forest after accepting the warm reception of the rishis, the first encounter with a terrible man-eating rakshasa named Viradha is described by Valmiki, pointed out Sri B. Damodhara Dikshitar in a discourse.

With a huge and distorted form he rushed towards them and lifted his weapon and carried away Sita from their midst. While Rama was a bit unsettled initially, Lakshmana spoke words of encouragement and the brothers were ready to confront him. They revealed their identity as the sons of Dasaratha. Viradha left Sita aside and now carried both of them. Sita began to panic and Rama and Lakshmana decided to kill him. They cut his arms and he fell down. They tried to crush him on the ground. But owing to the boons given by Brahma he could not be killed though he continued to feel the pain and torment when beaten up.

Rama placed His foot on his neck and at that instant Viradha was cleared of delusion. He realised Rama as the Lord incarnate and with folded palms told them that he was a Gandharva named Tumburu under a curse by Kubera. He also remembered that he would be freed from this curse of living in a rakshasa form when he would have occasion to meet Rama. He was assured then that he would regain his celestial form and get back to heaven. But since he could not be killed by any weapon, Viradha told Rama that he be buried in a pit. So the brothers did accordingly.

BUSAN

U.S., South Korea begin naval drills after North's ballistic missile test

U.S. aircraft carrier *USS Ronald Reagan* leaving from a port in Busan, South Korea, on Monday. The carrier and its battle group launched drills with South Korean warships off the Korean Peninsula in their first such training in five years, a day after North Korea test-fired a short-range ballistic missile. AP

ORLANDO

Hurricane Ian grows stronger on path to strike Florida

Residents of Orange County filling sand bags at Baldwin Park to protect their homes in preparation of Hurricane Ian on Monday. Ian was growing stronger as it approached the western tip of Cuba on a track to hit the west coast of Florida as a major hurricane as early as Wednesday, said authorities. AP

CAIRO

Egyptian cleric revered by Muslim Brotherhood dies at 96

Yusuf al-Qaradawi, a prominent Sunni scholar and spiritual leader of Egypt's outlawed Muslim Brotherhood movement, died aged 96, his Twitter account announced on Monday. He died in Qatar, where he had been living in exile following the military's overthrow of a Muslim Brotherhood-led government in Egypt in 2013. AFP

BODA

Bangladesh boat tragedy death toll hits 41 as 17 more bodies recovered

People gathering along the banks of the Karatoya river after a boat capsized near the town of Boda on Sunday. Rescuers recovered 17 more bodies on Monday, raising the confirmed toll to 41. The small boat packed mostly with women and children flipped over on its way to a popular temple in northern Bangladesh. AFP

11 children among 15 dead in Russia school shooting

24 injured in attack at institution in Izhevsk; 34-year-old gunman, wearing a T-shirt with Nazi symbol, kills himself; Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov described the shooting as 'a terrorist act'

Associated Press
MOSCOW

A gunman opened fire in a school in central Russia on Monday, killing 15 people and wounding 24 before shooting himself dead, authorities said.

The shooting took place in School No. 88 in Izhevsk, a city 960 kilometres east of Moscow in the Udmurtia region.

Russia's Investigative Committee identified the gunman as 34-year-old Artyom Kazantsev, a graduate of the same school, and said he was wearing a black T-shirt bearing "Nazi symbols". No details about his motives have been released.

The committee said 15 people, including 11 children, were killed in the shooting, and 24 people, including 22 children, were wounded in the attack.

The Governor of Udmurtia, Alexander Brechalov, said the gunman, who

Providing comfort: A woman hugging a boy surrounded by other people near the scene of the shooting at School No. 88 in Izhevsk on Monday. AFP

he said was registered as a patient at a psychiatric facility, killed himself after the attack.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov described the shooting as "a terrorist act" and said Russian President Vladimir Putin had given all the necessary orders to the relevant authorities. "President Putin deeply mourns deaths of people and children in the school, where a terrorist act took place," Mr. Peskov told reporters.

The school educates children between grades one and 11. It has been evacuated and the area around it has been cordoned off, the Governor said.

Russia's National Guard said Kazantsev used two non-lethal handguns adapted to fire real bullets. The guns were not registered with the authorities.

A criminal probe into the incident has been launched on charges of multiple murder and illegal possession of firearms.

Izhevsk, a city of 6,40,000, is located west of the Ural mountains in central Russia.

A party with neo-fascist roots, Brothers of Italy, set to form next government

Associated Press
ROME

Giorgia Meloni's Brothers of Italy, which won most number of votes in Sunday's national election, traces its origins to the postwar, neo-fascist Italian Social Movement.

The party, which won around 26% votes, tried to sound a unifying tone in a victory speech early on Monday, noting that Italians had finally been able to determine their leaders.

"If we are called to govern this nation, we will do it for everyone. We will do it for all Italians and we will do it with the aim of uniting the people," Ms. Meloni said. "Italy chose us. We will not betray it."

Turnout was a historic low of 64%. Pollsters suggested voters stayed home in protest, disenchanted by the backroom deals that had created the last three governments and the mash-up of parties in Premier Mario Draghi's outgoing national unity government.

While the right-wing coalition, which includes Matteo Salvini's League and Silvio Berlusconi's Forza Italia, was the clear winner, the formation of a government is still weeks away and will involve consultations among party leaders and with President Sergio Mattarella. In the meantime, Mr. Draghi will remain in a caretaker role.

Call for change: Supporters of Brothers of Italy attending a rally in Rome on September 22. AP

Crucial time

The election, which took place six months early after Mr. Draghi's government collapsed, came at a crucial time for Europe as it faces Russia's war in Ukraine and the related soaring energy costs that have hit ordinary Italians as well as industry. A Ms. Meloni-led government is largely expected to follow Italy's current foreign policy, including her pro-NATO stance and strong support for supplying Ukraine with weapons to defend itself against Russia's invasion, even as her coalition allies take a different tone.

Both Mr. Berlusconi and Mr. Salvini have ties to Russian President Vladimir Putin. While both have distanced themselves from his invasion of Ukraine, Mr. Salvini has warned that EU sanctions against Moscow are hurting Italian industry.

Putin grants Snowden Russian citizenship

Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

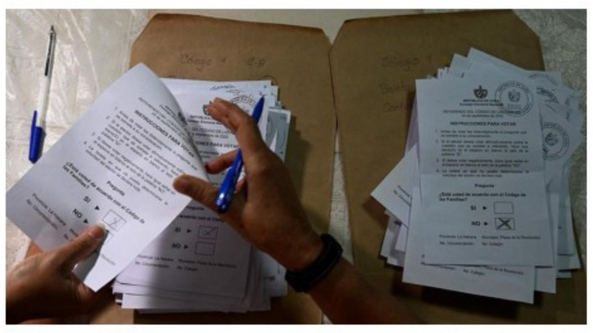
President Vladimir Putin on Monday granted Russian citizenship to U.S. whistleblower Edward Snowden, who exposed massive surveillance by the National Security Agency and was granted refuge by Moscow.

A presidential decree published on Monday included Mr. Snowden on a list of newly minted Russian citizens, at a time when relations between Washington and Moscow are at historic lows over the conflict in Ukraine.

Mr. Snowden said in November 2020 he had applied for Russian citizenship but that he would aim to keep his U.S. nationality.

The former intelligence contractor, who revealed in 2013 that the U.S. government was spying on its citizens, has been living in exile in Russia since the revelations.

Moscow several years ago relaxed its citizenship laws to allow individuals to hold Russian passports without rejecting their original nationalities.



Making a decision: An election official counting ballots at a polling station in Havana on Sunday. AFP

Cuba grants nod to same-sex marriage in unusual referendum

Associated Press
HAVANA

Cubans have approved a sweeping "family law" code that would allow same-sex couples to marry and adopt as well as redefining rights for children and grandparents, officials said on Monday, though opposition in the national referendum was unusually strong on the Communist Party-governed island.

The measure – which contains more than 400 articles – was approved by 66.9% to 33.1%, the president of the National Electoral Council, Alina Balseiro Gutiérrez, told official news media, though returns from a few places remained to be counted.

The reforms had met unusually strong open resistance from the growing evangelical movement in Cuba – and many other Cubans – despite an extensive government campaign in favour of the measure, including thousands of informative meetings across the country and extensive media coverage backing it.

Cuban elections – in which no party other than the Communist is allowed – routinely produce victory margins of more than 90% – as did a referendum on a major constitutional reform in 2019.

The code will allow surrogate pregnancies, broader rights for grandparents in regard to grandchildren, protection of the elderly and measures against gender violence.

President Miguel Díaz-Canel, who has promoted the law acknowledged questions about the measure as he voted on Sunday.

"Most of our people will vote in favour of the code, but it still has issues that our society as a whole does not understand," he said.

As Sri Lanka backs freedom of expression at UN, police arrest dozens of protesters at home

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

Just as Sri Lanka recently told the UN General Assembly that it treated freedom of expression as "sacrosanct", the police arrested dozens of protesters in Colombo this weekend for resisting a Presidential order.

Addressing the ongoing UN General Assembly session in New York on Saturday, Sri Lanka's Foreign Minister Ali Sabry said: "We unconditionally recognise the fact that one has a fundamental right to the freedom of expression, which we all treat as being sacrosanct." He added: "However, it must also be appreciated that, this freedom must be within the constitutional order, and must be exercised having regard to one's fundamental duty to express oneself within the confines of the law."

The same day, the police arrested some 84 persons who took part in a protest organised by the Socialist Youth Union against state "suppression" of citizens' rights. The arrests were made after police unleashed tear gas and water cannons at the protesters, a day after President Ranil Wickremesinghe declared prominent locations around key government buildings as "High Security Zones", effectively outlawing protests in their vicinity.

Rights organisations and government critics slammed the arrests, pointing to Sri Lankan

Anti-government protesters scuffle with the police. AFP

authorities' actions evidently contradicting the Foreign Minister's pledge at the UN forum, that too weeks before Sri Lanka defends its rights record at the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva. "By arresting at least 84 peaceful protesters, Sri Lankan authorities have reaffirmed its intolerance towards dissent. Ironically, these peaceful protesters were demonstrating against the state's suppression of dissent," Amnesty International said on Saturday.

'Deep concern'

The development has yet again set off concern amid Sri Lanka's rights defenders who have, since President Wickremesinghe's appointment, been flagging a "witch-hunt" by the government, targeting several individuals who were at the forefront of mass anti-government protests this year. The detention of three student leaders last month, under a controversial anti-terrorism law, drew global condemnation, including from the UN Human Rights Chief who termed their arrest "alarming".

Meanwhile, the Presidential order declaring a new set of High Security Zones in the capital under the Official Secrets Act – Tamils living in the north and east have contended with large, heavily militarised high security zones for many years – has also drawn criticism.

Expressing "deep concern", the Bar Association of Sri Lanka (BASL) said the purported order of the President, under Sri Lanka's Official Secrets Act, included "draconian" provisions, "violating the freedom of expression, the freedom of peaceful assembly and the freedom of movement all of which are important aspects of the right of the people to dissent in Sri Lanka".

The Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka on Monday said the notion that the High-Security Zones be declared under the country's Official Secret Act "is a fallacy without any justification or basis", besides the declaration "grossly violating" fundamental rights.

"The Official Secrets Act cannot be adopted to declare High-Security Zones," the Commission said, advising the government to withdraw the gazette and ensure national laws follow "accepted international and national human rights norms and standards" and "to preclude" declarations that violate those norms and standards.

Iran arrests more than 1,200 as protests rage

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

Iran has arrested more than 1,200 protesters, officials said on Monday, in its lethal crackdown on 10 nights of unrest driven by outrage over the death of Kurdish woman Mahsa Amini in morality police custody. At least 41 people have been killed as Iran has heavily deployed security forces against nationwide demonstrations.

Eighteen journalists have been imprisoned since the protests erupted earlier this month, according to the Washington-based Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ). Numerous activists and lawyers have also been held.

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INBRIEF

OECD flags global recession risk on energy, inflation crises

Global economic growth is slowing more than was forecast a few months ago in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, as energy and inflation crises risk snowballing into recessions in major economies, the OECD said. While global growth this year was still expected at 3%, it is now projected to slow to 2.2% in 2023, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) said. REUTERS

Pound slumps to record low after U.K. tax announcements

Sterling slumped to a record low on Monday, and a renewed sell-off in U.K. gilts pushed euro-zone yields higher as the fallout from last week's fiscal statement in Britain roiled markets for a second session. The pound plunged almost 5% at one point in Asia trade to hit $1.0327. U.K. Finance Minister Kwasi Kwarteng on Friday said he was scrapping the top rate of income tax and cancelled a planned increase in corporate taxes on top of a plan to subsidise energy bills. REUTERS

HCL Technologies unveils new brand and logo

HCL Technologies on Monday announced its new brand identity and logo, which the company said would be at the "heart of its go-to-market strategy and represent its differentiated portfolio of services and products that supercharge digital transformation for enterprises at scale." HCL Tech also announced its new brand positioning of 'Supercharging Progress' and employee value proposition - 'Find Your Spark'. "Today, we are proud to share our purpose statement – to bring together the best of technology and our people to supercharge progress," said CEO and managing director C. Vijayakumar.

Sensex slides 1.6% on slowdown fears, rupee slips to 81.67

Rupee could weaken beyond the 82-level this week, say analysts; they predict volatility in tech stocks as a global recession may impact exports

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Gloomy outlook: Global recession anxiety, the Russia-Ukraine war and political uncertainty in China have hit sentiment . PAUL NORONHA

Indian stocks tumbled on Monday for the fourth straight session since the U.S. Federal Reserve adopted a hawkish stance last week to control rising inflation. Following a sell-off in the local equity markets by foreign funds, the rupee hit yet another record low.

The S&P BSE Sensex fell 953.70 points, or 1.64%, to 57,145.22. Intraday the index had slumped 1,060 points.

Sensex stocks that lost the most include Maruti (5.49%), Tata Steel (4.22%), ITC (3.96%), Axis Bank (3.40%), NTPC (3.35%) and Bajaj Finance (3.34%).

The NSE Nifty-50 index too declined 311.05 points, or 1.8%, to 17,016.30.

'FIIs are selling'

"The Nifty attempted a pullback from lower levels but the bears had a firm grip as the index witnessed selling pressure... and it ended a tad above 17,000," said Ruchit Jain, lead Research, 5paisa.com.

"FIIs have formed more short positions in the index futures segment and they have been selling in the cash segment too [leading to the fall]," he added.

"Recession fears in U.S. and Europe, the Russia-Ukraine war and the political uncertainty in China have further cast a cloud of uncertainty on the global economy. This has led to the U.S. 10-year bond yields rising to 3.82%, the highest since 2010," said Sandeep Bhardwaj, CEO, IIFL Securities.

"A slowdown/recession would have an impact on our country's exports as demand for goods and services would begin to dry up. Hence, for the medium term, we should expect higher volatility in IT stocks," he added.

'Pound hits sentiment'

The rupee fell for the fourth consecutive session to close 58 paise lower at 81.67 compared with Friday's close of 81.09 against the U.S. dollar. Analysts said the rupee could likely depreciate beyond the 82 level this week.

"Hawkish Fed outlook, political instability in China and sell-off in pound after the tax cut announcement is also disturbing the overall market sentiment," said Gaurang Somaiya, Forex & Bullion analyst, Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

'RBI policy watched'

"This week, RBI will release its policy statement and this is likely to influence the rupee that is currently falling sharply against the U.S. dollar," Mr. Somaiya added.

Monday's fall in the rupee could have been higher had the Reserve Bank of India not intervened by selling dollars in the inter-bank forex market via public sector banks, analysts said. The Reserve Bank has on many occasions made it clear that it would deploy its forex reserves to prevent excess volatility in the forex market.

Centre defers new foreign trade policy

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The government on Monday extended the tenure of the Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 by another six months till March 2023, instead of replacing it with a new policy by September 30 as it had envisaged, citing requests from industry associations.

On September 3, Commerce Secretary B.V.R. Subrahmanyam had said the government was readying a new Foreign Trade Policy which would be unveiled on September 30 as part of a package to propel merchandise exports that had dipped sequentially for the third successive month in August.

"In recent days, exporters and industry bodies have strongly urged the government that in view of the prevailing, volatile global economic and geo-political situation, it would be advisable to extend the current policy for some time, and undertake more consultations before coming out with the new policy," the Commerce and Industry Ministry said in a statement.

S&P sticks to 7.3% FY23 growth forecast

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India's retail inflation is expected to stay above the 6% mark till the end of 2022

S&P Global Ratings has retained its 2022-23 growth forecast for India's economy at 7.3%, citing a smaller impact from the global slowdown on its domestically-driven economy.

While it expects inflation to average 6.8% through the year, the rating agency predicted further 'material' increases in policy rates owing to elevated core inflation levels.

It has projected the exchange rate for the rupee to average at 79 to the U.S. dollar this year, before slipping to 80.5, 82 and 83 in the subsequent three years till 2025-26.

India's retail inflation is expected to stay above the 6% mark till the end of 2022 on rising wheat and rice prices, 'sticky' core inflation and the likelihood of food inflation increasing again, S&P Global's chief economist Louis Kuijs said.

Though S&P has stuck to its previous growth forecast, it expects growth to stay below 7% for the next three years from 2023.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	MONDAY	CHANGE
Sensex	57,145	-1.64
US Dollar	81.67	-0.71
Gold	49,786	-1.07
Brent oil	85.25	–

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	863.40	-50.40
Apollo Hosp	4282.70	-135.75
Asian Paints	3438.05	42.80
Axis Bank	742.60	-26.00
Bajaj Auto	3574.50	-124.40
Bajaj Finserv	1676.80	-45.10
Bajaj Finance	7259.50	-247.65
Bharti Airtel	755.05	-16.30
BPCL	304.90	-7.05
Britannia Ind	3787.50	-9.20
Cipla	1065.65	-2.45
Coal India	215.50	-7.35
Divis Lab	3670.00	27.40
Dr. Reddy's Lab	4127.85	-11.35
Eicher Motors	3515.55	-172.90
Grasim Ind	1665.45	-31.95
HCL Tech	906.70	10.85
HDFC	2309.65	-43.60
HDFC Bank	1426.65	-19.50
HDFC Life	522.75	-16.70
Hero MotoCorp	2721.35	-40.70
Hindalco	373.40	-22.95
Hind Unilever	2660.55	-21.50
ICICI Bank	861.05	-21.20
IndusInd Bank	1149.60	-33.75
Infosys	1380.25	14.80
ITC	332.60	-13.80
JSW Steel	646.15	-22.85
Kotak Bank	1829.00	-33.70
L&T	1851.45	-5.40
M&M	1236.40	-35.90
Maruti Suzuki	8834.95	-508.50
NestleIndia	18453.30	-42.60
NTPC	158.60	-5.35
ONGC	123.45	-5.15
PowerGrid Corp	200.85	-1.70
Reliance Ind	2377.35	-62.15
SBI Life	1259.80	-13.20
State Bank	543.30	-7.30
Shree Cement	20748.50	-452.95
Sun Pharma	900.70	-20.40
TataConsumer Product	780.85	-0.70
Tata Motors	397.50	-25.60
Tata Steel	99.85	-4.45
TCS	2994.40	12.35
Tech Mahindra	1032.90	-2.20
Titan	2655.50	-16.95
UltraTech Cement	6177.10	37.15
UPL	679.90	-22.95
Wipro	394.80	0.45

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on September 26

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	81.42	81.74
Euro	78.54	78.85
British Pound	87.25	87.60
Japanese Yen (100)	56.48	56.71
Chinese Yuan	11.37	11.41
Swiss Franc	82.21	82.53
Singapore Dollar	56.72	56.95
Canadian Dollar	59.68	59.92
Malaysian Ringitt	17.68	17.77
Australian Dollar	52.90	53.16

Source:Indian Bank

'AI has cleared ₹150 crore in refunds since privatisation'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Air India (AI) on Monday said it had cleared more than 2.5 lakh cases of refund worth more than ₹150 crore since the privatisation of the airline in January to address 'legacy issues' and meet customer expectations.

The airline said in a statement that it would ensure that requests for eligible refunds are processed within 'two to three days' and that it had made efforts to improve processes and systems, and employ technology to achieve this goal.

Processing by banks or credit card firms could, however, take another two weeks, the airline said.

Apple to manufacture iPhone 14 in India at Foxconn's T.N. facility

Special Correspondent
NEW DELHI

Apple's said it will make its latest flagship device – the iPhone 14 smartphone – at its contract manufacturer Foxconn's facility at Sriperumbudur in Tamil Nadu.

"The new iPhone 14 lineup introduces groundbreaking, new technologies and important safety capabilities," Apple said in a statement. "We're excited to be manufacturing iPhone 14 in India."

The iPhone 14 was introduced globally on September 7 and made available to customers in India simultaneously with those in the U.S., among other markets, on September 16.

Apple would also be exporting the smartphones from India, apart from catering to local demand.

The move comes at a time when several global manufacturers, including Apple, are understood to be looking for shifting production from China amid supply-chain disruptions.

Apple, which reported a 2% rise in revenue to $83 billion for the April-June quarter, saw a 'near doubling' of revenue from the India market.

Mahindra Logistics buys Rivigo unit for ₹225 crore

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Mahindra Logistics Ltd. (MLL) will acquire the B2B express business of Rivigo Services, a logistics firm, for ₹225 crore.

The transfer would be effective from October 1, Mahindra Logistics said.

As per an agreement, MLL would acquire Rivigo's business through a business transfer agreement (BTA), including the start-up's customers, team and assets, B2B express business, technology platform and the Rivigo brand.

The acquisition would augment MLL's existing B2B express business. Rivigo's B2B express business accounted for a revenue of ₹295 crore in FY21.

'Willing to move SC for board seat in Ambadi'

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Valli Arunachalam, who is fighting a legal battle for a seat on the board of Murugappa holding company Ambadi Investments Ltd. (AIL), said she would approach the Supreme Court in the matter, if required.

The eldest daughter of the former executive chairman of Murugappa Group, M.V. Murugappan, along with her family, holds 8.23% stake. With NCLAT dismissing AIL's appeals against her, she said she had full faith in judiciary.

'Commercial vehicles on double-digit growth course'

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Girish Wagh

The commercial vehicle (CV) segment is on a double-digit volume growth course this fiscal in India on the back of increasing consumption and government investment in infrastructure, Tata Motors executive director Girish Wagh said here on Monday.

"Growth depends on headwinds and tailwinds... while one of the headwinds, fuel prices, seem to have stabilised, we will keep a watch on [rising] interest rates," Mr. Wagh said, unveiling a new range of pickups here. "There are local tailwinds in terms of growth in consumption and infrastructure, booming e-commerce... as an average all these will lead to increase in industry volumes this year," he said.

The increase will be on lower base of last fiscal, when volumes went downhill due to the impact of the pandemic. While the FY21 volume of 5,50,000 units was the lowest, the peak for the CV segment came in in FY19, when it touched about 1 million vehicles. "It appears we should be reaching at least 80-82% of that peak this year," Mr. Wagh said.

Without sharing specifics of investments in the new range, he said at the CV business unit level, "we have been investing about ₹2,000 crore per annum, and will continue to invest at the same rate."

Kohli crosses 16,000 runs in ODIs & T20Is

Virat Kohli has become the second player to score 16,000 runs in white-ball international cricket. He now has 16,004 runs (including 44 centuries), across 262 ODI and 107 T20I matches behind Sachin Tendulkar, who leads with 18,436 runs (49 tons) accumulated over 463 ODIs and one T20I.

Shahbaz and Shreyas in T20I squad vs SA

Yet to recover from COVID-19, Mohammed Shami has been ruled out of India's three-match T20I series against South Africa, while Bengal all-rounder Shahbaz Ahmed (in pic) has come in place of a rested Hardik Pandya. The series is starting on Sept. 28 in Thiruvananthapuram. With all-rounder Deepak Hooda out

of the series due to back spasms, Shreyas Iyer has been recalled for the series.

Kosgei pulls out of London Marathon

World record-holder and two-time winner (2020 & 2021) Brigid Kosgei of Kenya has pulled out of Sunday's London Marathon with a hamstring injury. The women's race will be headlined by fellow Kenyan and defending champion Joyciline Jepkosgei. Ethiopian reigning champion Sisay Lemma is among the

favourites for the men's race. Kenya's Eliud Kipchoge is not running.

Murray sees Federer leading in future

Andy Murray has backed the now-retired Roger Federer as a future Laver Cup captain after Bjorn Borg indicated the sixth edition in Vancouver next year could be his last. Team Europe suffered a 13-8 loss to Team World and a vacancy for the captaincy will open up when Swedish great Borg steps away. "I'm sure Roger is going

to stay involved in the event in some capacity and maybe one day captain the team," he said.

England skipper Knight accuses India of lying over run out

Talking point: Deepti running out Dean for backing up has generated much debate. GETTY IMAGES

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

England women's captain Heather Knight has accused India of "lying" about giving tailender Charlie Dean warnings before her controversial run out by bowler Deepti Sharma in the third One-Day International.

Deepti said on Monday that India had repeatedly warned Dean for stealing ground by backing up and was adamant they had done nothing wrong.

"That was our plan because she was repeatedly doing it and we had warned them too," the off-spinner said on the team's arrival in Kolkata.

Umpires informed

"We had also informed the umpires. But still she was right there so there wasn't much we could do. We did everything according to the rules and guidelines."

Tweeting in response to Deepti's comments, Knight acknowledged that Dean

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> **DEEPTI**

was dismissed legitimately but she said: "No warnings were given."

"They don't need to be given, so it hasn't made the dismissal any less legitimate," she said. "But if they're comfortable with the decision to affect the run out, India shouldn't feel the need to justify it by lying about warnings."

The Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), the guardians of the laws of cricket, has said the third ODI was "properly officiated".

"MCC's message to non-strikers continues to be to remain in their ground until they have seen the ball leave the bowler's hand," it said in a statement. "Then dismissals, such as the one seen yesterday [Saturday], cannot happen."

Australia series helped identify areas that still need focus: Rohit

India captain all praise for Suryakumar's brilliance and Kohli's fantastic effort that took the game away from the Aussies, and the way they kept backing themselves

AUSTRALIA IN INDIA

V.V. Subrahmanyam
HYDERABAD

"We have ticked a lot of boxes, learnt a lot and found areas that still require focus," India captain Rohit Sharma told the media after the team's 2-1 win over Australia in the three-match Mastercard T20 International series here on Sunday night.

"It has been a good series overall," he said.

Everyone was aware of Suryakumar Yadav's skills, according to Rohit, who said the batter was always consistent, playing impactful innings.

"In every match, he looks to play a notch higher. He seems to be getting better and better. That is a good sign."

"Today [Sunday] it was an exceptional innings [from Suryakumar] to take the game away in the company of a fantastic Virat Kohli. It was a crucial century stand between them. It was great for us the way these two batted. There is pressure in chasing 180-plus totals. But they kept backing themselves."

Bhuvi's form

Reflecting on pacer Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Rohit was of the view that it was important he be given space.

In firm control: Kohli never let the pressure of chasing a big target get to him. NAGARA GOPAL

"He brings quality to the team. We believe in his ability. Of late there have been more bad days than good. We have been working on some plans. He will be as good as before. Importantly, he is not short on confidence.

"It is for us to show faith in him, keep backing him, trying to work on other things. Can't be predictable."

Rohit added that there was a need to keep tightening all departments. The batting, which has been "brilliant since the Asia Cup", needed to be more clinical and aggressive. There are areas in fielding that need improvement, the skipper stated.

Commenting on the choice between Rishabh Pant and Dinesh Karthik, Rohit felt that both needed game-time. "The idea is to stick to a consistent line-up. We will manage these guys carefully," the captain concluded.

India-Australia T20I series in numbers

Batting	M	Runs	HS	SR	50s
Green	3	118	61	214.54	2
Suryakumar	3	115	69	185.48	1
Hardik	3	105	71*	190.90	1
Wade	3	89	45*	202.27	0

Bowling	M	Wkts.	BBI	Avg.	Econ.
Axar	3	8	3/17	7.87	6.30
Ellis	1	3	3/30	10.00	7.50
Zampa	3	3	3/16	32.00	9.60
Hazlewood	3	3	2/39	33.00	11.00

Don't have the fear of failure, says Kuldeep

NZ-A IN INDIA

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

From being an automatic pick in all formats of the game three years ago, Kuldeep Yadav quickly fell down the pecking order after being dropped from the national team and even his former IPL club Kolkata Knight Riders.

The 27-year-old, however, rediscovered his form this year for his new team Delhi Capitals in the IPL, with 21 wickets. He made a comeback into the national team in the shorter formats and, on Sunday, took a hat-trick for India-A against New Zealand-A.

Extra effort

"To be honest, from last year after I was injured, understanding my rhythm was very important. Earlier, I was slow in my run-up and I found it difficult when batters started picking what I was bowling," said Kuldeep on his comeback journey.

"After surgery [in 2021], I changed that rhythm. I am bowling with more effort and control by giving extra pace as well. That helped me [evolve] from what I used to be before to what I am now," he said.

The left-arm wrist-spinner also stated that he didn't have the fear of failure anymore. "When you fail, you learn. When I came back to the Indian side in January, I was not afraid of failure, I wanted to enjoy the game."

When asked about how tough it was going from playing all formats to being dropped, Kuldeep said, "You learn as a wrist-spinner when you keep playing. You want to play more games but that could not happen. I didn't know how to cope with it. The injury was lucky for me. I could understand my body and what areas I needed to work on."

Kuldeep Yadav.
B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

Thank you, Watson

"Coming back from there, I was thinking about my rhythm and pace, which has helped me. It is challenging but you have to see the other part as well; there are plenty of cricketers coming up. It is always tough playing for India," Kuldeep added.

He also gave credit to Shane Watson at Delhi Capitals. "He helped me with mind control. He was the one who calmed me down and asked me to focus on a few things."

Even though he was overlooked for the World T20 this year, Kuldeep will look to sign off this 'A' series on a high on Tuesday in the third and final one-dayer, as he strives come back into national reckoning.

Jaiswal incident: skipper Rahane has set high standards

S. Dinakar
COIMBATORE

West Zone skipper Ajinkya Rahane's brave and laudable act of ordering his own teammate Yashasvi Jaiswal out of the field for excessive sledging at South's Ravi Teja on the final day of the Duleep Trophy final will send shockwaves through the Indian domestic circuit.

After Rahane's courageous move to uphold the dignity of the game and the need to respect the opposition and the match officials at the Ramakrishna College ground here, every captain will be under pressure to act against a similarly erring teammate.

Cynosure

Rahane was the cynosure, also the manner he led West Zone, making his moves like a chess grandmaster.

Whether bringing on the right bowler against the right batter from the right end, and for plotting a dismissal after consulta-

In command: Rahane had the courage to put his erring teammate in his place. M. PERIASAMY

tions with the bowler and the wicketkeeper, Rahane's captaincy came to the fore.

The tactically brilliant Rahane would look at a batter's grip, his footwork, and his areas of scoring before setting his field, with a trap in place. The planning would be followed by precise execution.

Rahane was spot-on with his decision to bat on a green wicket in the final. He knew if his batters could somehow take the score close to 300, he would be in the box seat as the pitch would become increasingly difficult to score.

West had the bowlers to pull off Rahane's tricks. None more than Jaydev Unadkat, a left-armer who has evolved into a crafty seamer with experience.

The 30-year-old Unadkat's contribution was way more than his 13 wickets in the competition, including six in the final.

For a left-arm seamer to bowl around the wicket with such control demands exemplary skill. He played around with the angles at a lively pace, probing the batters all the time.

The hard-to-please Rahane praised Unadkat's work ethic and commitment. The left-armer gives India a definite option as far as red-ball cricket is concerned.

Watch out for Atit Sheth too. He runs in with momentum and bowls with pace and movement.

And in opener Jaiswal and middle-order batter Sarfaraz Khan, West has two cricketers for the future. The left-handed Jaiswal's two double hundreds, one of them in the final, reflected his technique and appetite for runs.

Sarfaraz is a clever accumulator of runs, runs hard between wickets, pushes and nudges early on, and then opens out with strokes that are both classical and cheeky.

South was outgunned in the final. All said, West was a worthy winner.

Carlsen blanks Arjun to win Generation Cup

CHESS

Sports Bureau

World champion Magnus Carlsen reserved his best for the last as he raced away to an unsurpassable 2-0 lead in the second set of four-rapid games to claim the $150,000 Julius Baer Generation Cup online rapid chess tournament on Sunday.

Having won the first set 2.5-0.5, Carlsen had to ensure only two points in the second set to prevail without needing the tie-break blitz games.

On his part, World No. 24 Arjun Erigaisi tried his best but could not trouble the World No. 1.

Carlsen, who crossed the 2900-mark in rating, received $25,000 and another $8,500 in bonuses.

Massive score

Having beaten Arjun in the first game of the league, Carlsen had a massive 5.5-0.5 score against the Indian teenager in this competition.

Marching ahead: Carlsen crossed the 2900-mark in rating in the process. FILE PHOTO: B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

"The score was great," said Carlsen and continued, "I sort of played very much throughout this match 'anti-young-player chess' in the sense that I tried to play a little bit older, less theoretical lines that have some serious strategic complexity, and it worked out pretty well.

"I would say that I'm happy with the opening choices that I made, the strategy I had from a psychological point of view... now I'm playing younger and younger players and it makes sense to employ some different tricks as they catch up!"

Meanwhile, in the FIDE women's Grand Prix in Astana, Kazakhstan, R. Vaishali (4 points) drew with Zhansaya Abdumalik (Kazakhstan) in the eighth round.

India U-17 women's team loses to Sweden

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The India U-17 women's team suffered a 1-3 defeat against Sweden at Girona in its first match of the exposure tour in the run-up to the FIFA U-17 World Cup.

The match was played at Girona in Spain.

It was the first match of the exposure tour for the Indian girls ahead of the age-group showpiece, which India is hosting in October-November.

Lone goal scorer

Sudha Tirkey (62') scored the only goal for India after Sweden U-17 girls took a comfortable 3-0 lead through Ida Gramfors (44') Sara Frigren (52') and Selma Astrom (54').

LIVE TELECAST

UAE vs Bangladesh: 2nd T20I, FanCode, 7.30 p.m.

Nations League: Sony Ten 1, 2, Six (SD & HD) & LIV, 12.30 a.m. (Wednesday)

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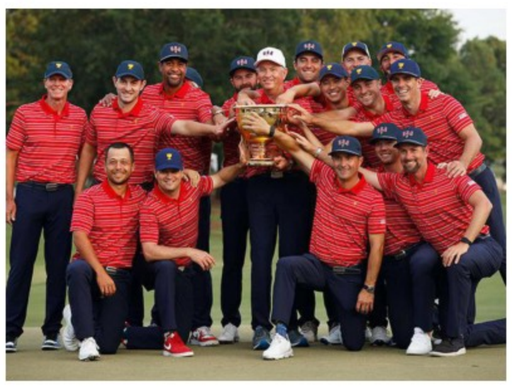

United States captures ninth consecutive Presidents Cup

The United States won the Presidents Cup for a ninth consecutive time on Sunday with Tokyo Olympic champion Xander Schauffele delivering the clinching point in a 17.5-12.5 triumph over Internationals.

Schauffele never trailed in defeating Canada's Corey Conners 1-up, sinking a three-foot par putt on the 18th hole to lift the US squad to 15.5 points and seal the overall triumph at Quail Hollow.

The Americans, who led 11-7 entering the 12 final singles matches, improved to 12-1-1 in the all-time rivalry and have never lost on home soil.

With 10 of the world's 16 top-ranked players, Team USA was a heavy favourite over a global side that lost British Open champion Cam Smith and several other top players who jumped from the PGA Tour to LIV Golf, making them ineligible.

The results (Sunday's match-ups): United States 17.5 bt Internationals 12.5 [Justin Thomas lost to Kim Si-woo 1-up; Jordan Spieth bt Cam Davis 4&3; Sam Burns tied Hideki Matsuyama; Patrick Cantlay bt Adam Scott 3&2; Scottie Scheffler lost to Sebastian Munoz 2&1; Tony Finau bt Taylor Pendrith 3&1; Xander Schauffele bt Corey Conners 1-up; Cameron Young lost to Im Sung-jae 1-up; Billy Horschel lost to Lee Kyoung-hoon 3&1; Max Homa bt Kim Joo-hyung 1-up; Collin Morikawa bt Mito Pereira 3&2; Kevin Kisner lost to Christiaan Bezuidenhout 2&1].

Maini equals career-best fourth at the Spielberg DTM

Indian racer Arjun Maini overcame tricky conditions to equal his best finish of fourth place in the penultimate round of the DTM Championship in Spielberg, Austria. Arjun, who had qualified seventh but had to start 10th due to a penalty from the previous race, is placed 18th with 24 points in the standins. The last weekend of the DTM championship will be at Hockenheimring between October 7-9.

Tasnim and Rajawat claim singles crowns

Former junior World No. 1 Tasnim Mir and Thomas Cup winner Priyanshu Rajawat clinched the women's and men's singles titles respectively at the India Chhattisgarh International Challenge here on Sunday.

The results (finals): Men: Priyanshu Rajawat bt Subhankar Dey 21-13, 21-11; **Doubles:** Ishan Bhatnagar & K. Sai Prateek bt Krishna Prasad & Vishnuvardhan Goud 17-21, 21-15, 23-21.
Women: Tasnim bt Samiya Farooqui 14-21, 21-17, 21-11;
Doubles: Chisato Hoshi & Miyu Takahashi (Jpn) bt Aarti Sara Sunil & Pooja Dandu 12-21, 21-12, 21-7.
Mixed doubles: N. Sikki Reddy & Rohan Kapoor bt Ratchapol Makkasasithorn & Chasinee Korepap (Tha) 22-20, 23-21.

Army Boys Sports Company takes the honours

Chhitu Bara scored the match-winner in the 58th minute to help Army Boys Sports Company, MEG Centre, Bangalore, to a 1-0 victory over Guru Gobind Singh Sports College, Lucknow, in the final of the Steelbird 39th Nehru sub-junior hockey tournament at the Shivaji Stadium on Monday.

The champion team was presented ₹1,60,000 and the runner-up ₹96,000.

Nitesh Sharma of Army Boys team was adjudged the "best player" of the tournament and presented ₹25,000

The coach of the champion team K.B. Thammaiah was awarded ₹15,000 and the coach of the runner-up team Dharmendra Sonkar was given ₹10,000.

The fair play trophy in memory of KG Kakar was presented to the Bhopal team.

Shoriful ends UAE chase as Bangladesh win T20 opener

Shoriful Islam ended the United Arab Emirates victory chase with wickets off consecutive balls in the last over to give Bangladesh a seven-run victory in the series opener in Dubai on Sunday.

The scores: Bangladesh 158/5 in 20 overs (Afif Hossain 77 n.o., Nurul Hasan 35 n.o.) bt UAE 151 in 19.4 overs (Chirag Suri 39, Aayan Afzal Khan 25; Shoriful Islam 3/21, Mehidy Hasan 3/17).
Toss: UAE; *Bangladesh won by seven runs to lead series 1-0.*

'Always a challenge playing against India'

The Indians have just won a series against Australia and I expect this is going to be a hotly contested series and whichever team plays better will be the winners, says Shamsi

Up for the challenge: Shamsi is hopeful of a good show against India. AFP

S. AFRICA IN INDIA

M.R. Praveen Chandran
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

After a good series against England the South African leg-spinner Tabraiz Shamsi is looking forward to the challenge presented by Indian batters in the T20 series which will begin at the Sports Hub on Wednesday.

The 32-year-old said it was an important series for South Africa ahead of the T20 World Cup and the aim was to win it. The leg-spinner also expects stiff challenge from the hosts who are on a high after the series win against Australia.

"It is always nice and a challenge playing against India. They have just won a series against Australia and I expect this is going to be a hotly contested series and whichever team plays better will be the winners. We had a good series last time and drew 2-2 and we take a lot of positives from it. We as a team are here to overcome challenges and We will definitely try to win this series. Personally I love coming to India and performing here. I try to do my best and I am obviously happy with my form this year" he said.

Shamsi said the like the host India, South Africa will have one eye on the World Cup and will be experimenting a few things in this series. "Leading up to the T20 World Cup, there are a few things which the coach and the captain might think of experimenting and play around with. It is about trying little things that they see fit and be ready for the World Cup. But having said that this India series is very important for us," he said.

Shamsi said the new T20 South African league will change the landscape of cricket in South Africa as IPL has done with Indian cricket in the past. "It is an exciting thing happening in South African cricket. It will create more opportunity for players playing overseas and they would be able to showcase their skill at a different level. It good for South African cricket and for players as well," he said.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Thancos Students Union pips FC Agniputhra

Thancos Students Union FC edged FC Agniputhra 2-1 in the BDFA Super Division League football here on Monday.
The results: Thancos Students Union 2 (Lindsay David Henderson 7, Aditya Pratap Singh Rathore 36) bt FC Agniputhra 1 (Valentine Nwabilli 18); Bangalore Dream United 1 (Jai Harish Berman 55) drew with Friends United 1 (Vijay Thangavel 20).

Easy for Parikrma Women's FC

Parikrma Women's FC notched up a comfortable 4-1 victory over Modern Girls in the Karnataka Women's League football here on Monday.
The results: Parikrma Women's FC 4 (Arti Tudu 7, Sonali Mondal 17, Pakhila Boro 28, Sujata Rai 64) bt Modern Girls 1 (Usham Luxmi Devi 45+2).

Siddesh sizzles

Siddesh A. Asalkar's all-round effort (38, 103 n.o. and 6/29) helped Dharwad secure the first innings lead over Raichur in a drawn KSCA inter-zonal under-16 encounter.
The scores: President's XI 302 in 59.4 overs (Krish Kumar Jha 26, A. Siddharth 169 n.o., Eesa Hakeem Puthige 4/97, Sankalp K. Teli 3/69) & 102/5 in 33 overs (R.V. Rohit 46, A. Siddharth 34, K.A. Tejas 4/29) drew with Bangalore City XI 229/8 in 90 overs (B. Krithin 86, Eesa Hakeem Puthige 33, Roshan Kumar 3/48).
Dharwad 257 in 71.1 overs (Siddesh A. Asalkar 38, Ashutosh D. Hiremath 85, Manikanth Shivanand 29, Akash G.Kulkarni 44, Abhishek Kalshetty 4/65, Aniketh Reddy 3/29) & 217/3 in 58 overs (Siddesh A. Asalkar 103 n.o., Ashutosh D. Hiremath 63) drew with Raichur 155 in 74.2 overs (Aniketh Reddy 25, M. Omkarshriram 29, Lokanath Sali 29, Omkar Bhandari 26, Manikanth Shivanand 3/37, Siddesh A.Asalkar 6/29).
Shivamogga 232/9 in 90 overs (A. Amshu 103, S. Shivaprasad 34, S. Lohith 27 n.o., Bhuvan Shivkumar Basidoni 4/44) & 137/4 in 46 overs (A. Amshu 44, G. Anirudha 30, S. Shivaprasad 26) drew with Vice Presidents XI 177 in 53.5 overs (Sean Pratyush Cyril 88, S. Lohith 3/32).
Mysore 157 in 50.2 overs (J. Yashas 28, Roshan Raju 28, Siddanth Amin 3/39, P.P. Jashwith Bopanna 3/46) & 145 in 49.2 overs (J. Yashas 38, Roshan Raju 25) drew with Mangalore 112 in 68.4 overs (S. Gagan Rao 33, R. Himesh 5/20, K.L. Tharun Kumar 3/18) & 91/2 in 16.1 overs (Rishab B. Nayak 50, S. Gagan Rao 35).
Secretary's XI 288 in 59.3 overs (S.J. Aadharsh 65, R. Shishir 125, Krishav Somasundar 5/82, Dhruv Vasu 3/33) & 279/5 in 42 overs (R. Shishir 96, R. Shiv 66, Dhruv Vasu 3/49) drew with Bangalore 176 in 55.3 overs (Arnav Mishra 34, Samyam Vinay 35, Krishav Somasundar 46, A.T. Deekshit 3/26, Vaasav Venkatesh 3/7) & 36/3 in 8.5 overs.
Tumkur 220 in 72.1 overs (Naresh 42, Nigam S. Etagi 84, Farhan Farooq 25, Samyak Vellalore 6/37) & 209/6 in 72 overs (Naresh 45, T. Prem Kumar 37, C. Thippesh 46, Nigam S. Etagi 42 n.o.) drew with Combined City XI 201 in 49.1 overs (U.R.S. Aadesh 70, V. Srithan 31, Samyak Vellalore 37, Nigam S. Etagi 4/29).

Not averse to fresh elections, TTFI and CoA tell the court

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

Next hearing is fixed for October 10 when CoA will be required to present the letter received from ITTF

As widely anticipated, fresh elections to the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) are in the offing in November.

During Monday's hearing in the Delhi High Court, both parties – TTFI and the Committee of Administrators (CoA) through their counsels – had no objections to fresh elections.

Threat of suspension
Representing the TTFI, senior counsel Anupam Das, along with Parth Goswami, pointed out that it was learnt, the International Table Tennis Federation of India (ITTF) had written to the CoA and there was an apprehension of the TTFI getting suspended by September 30.

To this query, the counsel for CoA Senior Advocate Raj Shekhar Rao confirmed that there was indeed a communication from the ITTF. After seeking instructions from the CoA, he told the court that till November there was no threat of suspension.

With the ITTF dictat in place, and both parties not averse to having fresh elections, Justice Rekha Palli reiterated that the CoA was a temporary arrangement and the TTFI would be run by an elected body.

TTFI's submission
The TTFI counsels made a submission that if fresh elections were conducted, the tenure of 11 months (since February 2021) served by the TTFI's elected Principal office-bearers, whose term was cut short due to the appointment of the CoA (in February 2022), may not be considered as a full term since there was a tenure restriction under the Sports Code.

The counsels for Government of India sought to take instructions on the issue.

To the suggestion of Mr. Shekhar Rao that the provisions of the Sports Code be applicable to all State Associations, counsel for the State Associations, advocate Hrishikesh Barua vehemently objected and reminded the court that sports was a State subject and any amendments to the existing regulations could be made only by the State.

Mr Barua was quick to point out that the Sports Code was applicable only to National Sports Federations (NSFs) and not to State Associations.

The next hearing is fixed for October 10, when, as per the direction of the Court, the CoA will be required to present the letter received from the ITTF.

The government will be required to inform the court whether the term of 11 months, served by the suspended TTFI office-bearers, can be waived off in the event of elections.

India will have it tough when it faces Vietnam

Press Trust of India
HO CHI MINH CITY

The Indian men's football team will have its task cut out when it takes on Vietnam in the Hung Thinh Friendly Football Tournament here on Tuesday.

In its opener, India was held 1-1 by lower-ranked Singapore. Up against a confident Vietnan, which blanked Singapore 4-0 in its first match, the Blue Tigers will have to be extremely focussed.

"It will be a very different game against a much stronger opponent, so our approach will also change accordingly," said head coach Igor Stimac.

"We need to be more focused, especially on vertical football and quick transition.

"At the same time, we must maintain focus on our defence as well. They pose a real threat from long range shots, and from their crosses, and we need to be able to deal with that."

I am mentally very strong now: Abhay

SQUASH

S. Prasanna Venkatesan
CHENNAI

Abhay Singh is on a high.

"I think in my last six [PSA challenger] events, I've beaten four top-seeds. So, it's like I don't care who's seeded what. I'm just here to win!" he says after winning the men's title of the Chennai leg of the HCL-SRFI PSA Indian Tour at the ISA courts here on Friday.

He's won four PSA challenger events this year, and what's been truly remarkable is his toughness – both mental and physical. When stretched, he's not snapped, and still better, has gone on to clinch the win!

He beat the Swiss Robin Gadola in a 95-minute final to win the Lorient Open title. And Malaysia's Ivan Yuen in a 80-minute final to bag the Tuanku Muhriz Trophy title.

Simply put, he's been a tough nut to crack!

Abhay Singh. R. RAVINDRAN

"I believe that I was physically and mentally strong enough to come through this week [Chennai PSA]."

On his biggest takeaway from the Chennai event, he says, "That I'm just mentally very strong. I think maybe earlier I would doubt myself a little bit. But there's no doubt now."

He's super-confident about the National Games, and the event he's most looking forward to, the Asian team championships.

Croatia and the Netherlands enter the semifinals; France survives relegation

NATIONS LEAGUE

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

Stretching to score: Dolberg stuns France with this opening strike for Denmark. REUTERS

Croatia and the Netherlands booked their places in the last four of the Nations League as holder France needed a favour to avoid relegation from the top tier on Sunday.

Les Bleus lost 2-0 in Denmark to finish with just one win from their six group games, but Croatia's 3-1 win at Austria saved the world champion from the drop.

Didier Deschamps will be hoping to have a number of key men back from injury by the time France's defence of the World Cup begins against Australia on November 22.

France will also come up against the Danes in the group stage in Qatar and the Euro 2020 semifinalists showed they are more than capable of causing more trouble in two months' time.

Both goals came before half-time as Kasper Dolberg stretched to turn home Mikkel Damsgaard's cross before Andreas Skov Olsen volleyed in from the edge of the area.

France was without Hugo Lloris, Jules Kounde, N'Golo Kante, Paul Pogba, Ousmane Dembele and Karim Benzema through injury.

But the star trio of Antoine Griezmann, Olivier Giroud and Kylian Mbappe failed to find a way back into the game for France.

Denmark's win meant Croatia needed to get all three points in Austria to top the group.

Luka Modric got the 2018 World Cup finalist off to a flying start, but it was quickly pegged back by Christoph Baumgartner's header.

Two goals in three second-half minutes proved decisive as Marko Livaja and Dejan Lovren headed in at the far post.

Defeat relegated Austria to League B.

The Netherlands made sure of top spot in Group A4 with a 1-0 win over Belgium thanks to Virgil van Dijk's header 17 minutes from time. The Dutch just needed to avoid defeat by a three-goal margin after winning 4-1 in Brussels earlier in the group.

The results: League A: Group 1: Denmark 2 (Dolberg 34, Skov Olsen 39) bt France 0; Austria 1 (Baumgartner 9) lost to Croatia 3 (Modric 6, Livaja 69, Lovren 72).
Group 4: Wales 0 lost to Poland 1 (Swiderski 58); the Netherlands 1 (Van Dijk 73) bt Belgium 0.

Taniya claims she was robbed in London hotel

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NEW DELHI

India wicketkeeper-batter Taniya Bhatia on Monday claimed she was robbed of her important belongings, including cash, cards and jewellery, during the women's team stay at Marriot Hotel in London.

"Shocked and disappointed at Marriot Hotel London Maida Vale management; someone walked into my personal room and stole my bag with cash, cards, watches and jewellery during my recent stay as a part of Indian Women's Cricket team.

"So unsafe," Bhatia tweeted.